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INTRODUCTION

Since this book is designed not only to save the faith of millions in God's word, but to greatly increase their faith, we give first in this INTRODUCTION a Biblical outline of faith, showing it from various angles, as God presents it in the Bible.

Faith in General

(1) What faith is—"Substance" and "Evidence" of the unseen (Heb. 11:1).

(2) Without faith one cannot come to nor please God (Heb. 11:6).

(3) Faith comes by hearing the word of God (Rom. 10:17).

(4) It is according to our faith when we believe the truth (Matt. 9:28, 29).

(5) It is not according to our faith when we believe error (Gen. 37:31-33).

(6) Jesus prayed that Peter's faith would not fail him (Luke 22:32).

(7) The faithful are God's friends (Jas. 2:23).

Seven Things to Believe

(1) God (2 Chron. 20:20).

(2) Prophets of God (2 Chron. 20:20).

(3) Christ (Jno. 14:1).

(4) Works of Christ (Jno. 10:38).

(5) No certain place to worship God (Jno. 4:21).

(6) That God and Christ are in Each Other (Jno. 14:11).

(7) The gospel (Mark 1:15).

Seven Kinds of Faith

(1) Dead faith (Jas. 2:17).
(2) Living faith (Jas. 2:17).
(3) Perfect faith (Jas. 2:22).
(4) Unity faith (Eph. 4:13).
(5) Shield faith (Eph. 6:16).
(6) Humility faith (Rom. 3:27).
(7) Fruitful faith (Rom. 5:1-4).

Seven Fruits of Faith

(1) Peace (Rom. 5:1)
(2) Access into His grace (Rom. 5:2).
(3) Happiness (Rom. 5:2).
(4) Glory in tribulation (Rom. 5:1-3).
(5) Patience (Rom. 5:1-3).
(6) Experience (Rom. 5:1-4).
(7) Hope (Rom. 5:1-4).

Faith Stands for Seven Things

(1) Goodness of God (Rom. 3:3).
(2) Our righteousness (Rom. 4:5).
(3) The Word of God (Rom. 10:8).
(4) Scriptural legality of things (Rom. 14:22, 23).
(5) The Church (Gal. 6:10).
(6) Our breastplate (1 Thes. 5:8).
(7) Our foundation (Heb. 6:1).

Seven Things We Do By Faith

(1) We become children of God (Gal. 3:26).
(2) We live by faith (Rom. 1:17).
(3) We stand by faith (2 Cor. 1:24).
(4) We walk by faith (2 Cor. 5:7).
(5) We pray by faith (Jas. 1:6).
(6) We overcome the world by faith (1 Jno. 5:4).
(7) We wait for our reward by faith (Gal. 5:5).

Seven Major Promises to the Faithful

(1) God's eyes are over them (Psa. 101:6).
(2) They abound with blessings (Prov. 28:20).
(3) Holy Spirit lives in them (Gal. 3:14).
(4) Christ lives in them (Eph. 3:17).
(5) Women cared for in motherhood (1 Tim. 2:15).
(6) Their souls are saved (1 Peter 1:9).
(7) They are crowned (Rev. 2:10).

Jesus did not pray that Peter would not sleep that night while He prayed in Gethsemane; He did not pray that Peter would not run away when the Master was taken by His enemies; He did not pray that Peter would not deny Him that night; He did not pray that he would not swear that night; He did not pray that Peter would not curse and swear and deny his Lord; He did not pray that Peter would not sin, but He did pray that his faith might not fail him (Luke 22:32). Jesus prays for us, but He does not pray that we may make no mistakes, but He does pray that we may not lose faith—faith in self—faith in humanity—faith in GOD. Jesus knew that as long as one has faith in God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Bible, in others, and in self, he may fall a thousand times over, but there are not enough devils in the universe to keep him down—he will get up, and show himself a man. God can handle the man as long as he has faith. When he loses all faith, he has crossed the "dead line", he is a hopeless case. As long as a man has a **Bible faith,** he will do what God says. Therefore the Devil has done his best, is yet doing it, to destroy faith in the Bible. Hundreds of speakers, and much literature are used to discredit the Bible. In many of the educational institutions, from the grades to the highest Universities, much effort is being made to

laugh out of the lives of the students any faith in God's word. It is all from the Devil.

Because of the conditions mentioned in the foregoing, this book is prepared and sent out, that It may tell Its own story concerning Itself. It speaks with a thousand silver tongues from throats of gold. It defends Itself in the hands of every unselfish student who knows Its contents. We present in this book to our readers three hundred prophecies, and prove by the Bible that two hundred and eighty-five have been fulfilled literally, and the remaining fifteen are being fulfilled before our eyes. Ten of these prophecies that are being fulfilled now concern **flying machines.** Nine times in the Old Testament it is prophesied that men would fly. Over a half chapter in the New Testament describes the **flying machine,** exactly, including one completed by our Government in February, 1928, which discharges fire from both ends for war purposes. The automobile and wireless, or radio, are prophesied in the Old Testament, and they are given also in this book.

There are over two thousand prophecies in both the Old and New Testaments, but we think it unnecessary to give in this book more than the three hundred mentioned. Three hundred proofs that the Bible is Inspired should be sufficient to save the faith of any one—the purpose of this book.

To the Author, every book in the Bible is Inspired, yea, every verse in it. Were it in his power, he would write every word of the Scriptures in letters of gold, on sheets of silver, and bind it with pearl. More than that, were it in his power, he would write its every line upon all the heart-tablets of earth, and in each case would bind it with faith tried in the fire, that all might know the Lord, and do His will unto the saving of every soul. To the Author, the

Bible is from one angle a great paradise, in which are translucent streams, pellucid ponds, and the great River of life; from another angle, the Bible to him represents all the twenty-two kinds of Geology founded upon the "Rock of Ages", spread out under heavenly soil, out of which grow the seven Trees of Life; whereas, from another viewpoint, it is a great garden of flowers, in which grow the "Rose of Sharon", and the "Lily of the Valleys", and all of His faith-creatures are but unfolding buds that some day will bloom out into eternal life with God. The commands of the Bible are not grievous, and its promises are precious. Its Soul is God, and its hope eternal life. It is the only book that speaks to the heart, and gently lifts it to the highest heaven. It increases the joy of the happy, comforts the sorrowing, wipes away the tear, and leads wanderers to God. To the increasing of the faith of the faithful, and to the generating of belief in hearts of doubt, we send this book out in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, praying that the abounding blessings of heaven will attend it, make it to accomplish its purpose, and in it all glorify God in the saving of many souls. Amen.

—THE AUTHOR.

HOW TO TEACH THIS BOOK

The art of teaching is one of the greatest in all the world. To be able at all times to inspire, to keep interest high, and to impart information, worth-while information, to others is one of the greatest accomplishments of man.

The teacher of this book will find it profitable to follow the outline below in presenting the wonderful facts of this book to his class:

He should first read, or have some member of the class to read the PROPHECY given in the Lesson, and then read its FULFILLMENT.

One by one he should lecture to his class about each thought in the NOTE found between the semicolons or between the dashes. The NOTE furnishes an outline to be followed in discussing the prophecy and fulfillment.

The teacher before going before his class should thoroughly study each prophecy and fulfillment in the Lesson, and make a new outline of facts to be discussed also in the class, retaining originality, a growth for himself.

The teacher before going before his class should also thoroughly acquaint himself with our suggestive notes, and be ready to lecture in an interesting way on the same.

The teacher should quiz his class, draw them out, and have them to take part in the discussion of all points, for their interest will increase, if they take an active part, more than just to listen.

The teacher should make every minute count, being highly interested himself, and keep the interest of each

student at welding heat—never allowing the interest to lag in the least.

The teacher should emphasize each time a PROPHECY and its FULFILLMENT are studied that THE BIBLE IS INSPIRED, that It came from GOD, for that is the main purpose to accomplish in studying the Book.

The teacher should constantly keep before the class the importance of having complete faith in the BIBLE, the great lives It has produced, and the reward of the faithful.

The teacher should impress his class with the fact that they are studying the greatest Book in the world, not at his feet, but at the feet of GOD, that God is talking to man.

The teacher should spend much time on his knees before coming before his class, that he may evidence the fact that he has been with God, and has a message for God's people—a message out of God's Book.

This book may be taught on prayer meeting nights, using about half of the time to do it, or it may be taught Friday nights to a large BIBLE CLASS made up of every possible one in the community that will attend. Again, it should be taught in every class in the weekly Bible Schools, classes ranging in ages from ten years and up. Educate all possible that the Bible is Inspired, that It came from God, that It is God's message to the soul, that It will lead sinners into being saints, and will lead saints into glory, and watch the results.

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LESSON NO. 1

(Prophecies concerning Christ)

(1) Shiloh, Christ, Was to Come from the Tribe of Judah.

Prophecy: "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto Him shall the gathering of the people be" (Gen. 49:10).

Fulfillment: "For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Judah; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood" (Heb. 7:14).

Note: Christ's progenitorship traced through Judah (Luke 3:33); He is called "The Lion of the tribe of Judah" (Rev. 5:5); "Shiloh" means "Messiah" or "The great Prophet."

(2) Christ Was to be Like Moses.

Prophecy: The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto Him ye shall hearken" (Deut. 18:15).

Fulfillment: "For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A Prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; Him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever He shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass, that every soul, who will not hear that Prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people" (Acts 3:22, 23; 7:37).

Note: Moses was a lawgiver, and so is Christ; Moses was a teacher, so is Christ; Moses was a mediator, so is Christ; Moses was a judge, so is Christ.

(3) **Christ Was to Get His Message from God.**

Prophecy: "I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put My words in His mouth; and He shall speak unto them all that I shall command Him. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto My words which He shall speak in My name, I will require it of him" (Deut. 18:18, 19).

Fulfillment: "When ye have lifted up the Son of Man, then shall ye know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father hath taught Me, I speak these things" (Jno. 8:28). "For I have not spoken of Myself; but the Father that sent Me, He gave Me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak" (Jno. 12:49). "The words that I speak unto you I speak not of Myself: but the Father that dwelleth in Me, He doeth the works" (Jno. 14:10). "I have given them the words which Thou gavest Me" (Jno. 17:8).

Note: Moses taught doctrine from God, so did Christ; Christ passed His doctrine on through the Holy Spirit to the apostles (Acts 1:1, 2); the early Church continued in that doctrine (Acts 2:42).

(4) **Rulers Were to Take Counsel to Kill Christ.**

Prophecy: "Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against His Anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us" (Psa. 2:1-3).

Fulfillment: "Who by the mouth of Thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things? The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers

were gathered together against the Lord, and against His Christ. For of a truth against Thy holy Child Jesus, Whom Thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, for to do whatsoever Thy hand and Thy counsel determined before to be done" (Acts 4:25-28).

Note: They were against both God and Christ; kings and rulers were concerned; the Gentiles killed Him (Matt. 20:19).

(5) **Christ Was to be Set up as King on the "Holy Hill of Zion."**

Prophecy: "Yet have I set My King upon My holy hill of Zion" (Psa. 2:6).

Fulfillment: "But ye are come unto Mount Sion, and unto the City of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the General Assembly and Church of the Firstborn, who are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel" (Heb. 12:22-24). "And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with Him an hundred forty and four thousand, having His Father's name written in their foreheads" (Rev. 14:1). "And He hath on His vesture and on His thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS" (Rev. 19:16).

Note: This Mount Sion is the Church; Christ is there as King; God is there; angels are there; spirits of just men made perfect are there; it is the family of two worlds (Eph. 3:15).

(6) **Christ Was to Come as God's Son.**

Prophecy: "I will declare the decree: the Lord hath

said unto Me, Thou art My Son; this day have I begotten Thee" (Psa. 2:7).

Fulfillment: "God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second Psalm, Thou art My Son, this day have I begotten Thee" (Acts 13:33). "While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him" (Matt. 17:5).

Note: Emphasize the word "decree"—it was "decreed" that Christ was to come as God's Son; He was to be God's "Begotten Son"; Paul said It was fulfilled.

(7) **Children Were to Praise Christ.**

Prophecy: "Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast Thou ordained strength because of Thine enemies, that Thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger" (Psa. 8:2).

Fulfillment: "And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; they were sore displeased, and said unto Him, Hearest Thou what these say? And Jesus said unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings Thou hast perfected praise" (Matt. 21:15, 16)?

Note: Greatest thing ever brought to Christ is the faith of a child; the praise of children is "ordained strength" from God; the praise of children "stills the enemies" of Christ.

(8) **Christ Was to be Made Lower than Angels.**

Prophecy: "For Thou hast made Him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned Him with glory and honor" (Psa. 8:5).

Fulfillment: "But we see Jesus, Who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man" (Heb. 2:9).

Note: Angels are not mortal, cannot die, and Christ was made lower than they by dying, doing that which no angel could do; Christ's death for every man is grace from God; Christ glorified and crowned Himself by dying for us.

(9) Christ Was to Have Universal Dominion.

Prophecy: "Thou madest Him to have dominion over the works of Thy hands; Thou hast put all things under His feet" (Psa. 8:6).

Fulfillment: "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth" (Matt. 28:18). "For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son" (Jno. 5:22).

Note: Christ has all power in heaven; He has all power in earth; all judging will be done by Christ; He will judge according to the gospel (Rom. 2:16).

(10) Christ Was to be Exalted at God's Right Hand.

Prophecy: "I have set the Lord always before Me: because He is at My right hand, I shall not be moved" (Psa. 16:8).

Fulfillment: "This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear" (Acts 2:33). "But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God" (Acts 7:55).

Note: Christ is ever before God; He is a fixture, shall not be moved; He is on God's right hand, the preferred place; from His exalted place He gave the Holy Spirit; all good gifts come from above; how should we show appreciation?

LESSON NO. 2

(Prophecies concerning Christ)

(1) Christ Was to Rise from the Dead.

Prophecy: "Therefore My heart is glad, and My glory rejoiceth: My flesh also shall rest in hope. For Thou wilt not leave My soul in hell; neither wilt Thou suffer Thine holy One to see corruption" (Psa. 16:9, 10). "O Lord, Thou hast brought up My soul from the grave" (Psa. 30:3). "And I took my Staff, even Beauty (Christ), and cut It asunder (Crucified Christ), that I might break My covenant which I had made with all the people. And It was broken in that day: and so the poor of the flock that waited upon Me knew that it was the word of the Lord. And I said unto them, If ye think good, give Me My price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for My price thirty pieces of silver. And the Lord said unto Me, cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prized at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the Lord. Then I cut asunder Mine other Staff, even Bands (He rose from the dead—broke the bands of death), that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel" (Zech. 11:10-14).

Fulfillment: "Because Thou wilt not leave My soul in hell, neither wilt Thou suffer Thine holy One to see corruption. Thou hast made known to Me the ways of life; Thou shalt make Me full of joy with Thy countenance. Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to

him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, He would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; he seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that His soul was not left in hell, neither His flesh did see corruption" (Acts 2:27-31). "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the Firstfruits of them that slept" (1 Cor. 15:20).

Note: Christ's flesh went into the grave in "hope", because it was going to rise; "hell" here means "the death state"; Christ's flesh was not to decay in the least; Christ's soul was brought out of the grave of the "death state"; the breaking of the "Beauty-Staff" was crucifying Christ; the breaking of the "Staff-Bands" was the breaking of the "death-bands", the resurrection of Christ; "If Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins" (1 Cor. 15:17); if Christ did not rise from the dead, baptism is no good—see 1 Peter 3:21.

(2) **Christ Was to be Made the Head of the Heathen, and They Were to Serve Him.**

Prophecy: "Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people; and Thou hast made Me the Head of the heathen: a people whom I have not known shall serve Me" (Psa. 18:43).

Fulfillment: "Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles" (Acts 13:46). "Now therefore ye are no more strangers (Gentiles) and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the Household of God" (Eph. 2:19).

Note: Under Christ Jews have no advantage over Gentiles; by faith Gentiles are in the lead till their "fulness" comes in (Rom. 11:25).

(3) **Christ Was to be Crowned.**

Prophecy: "Thou settest a crown of pure gold on His head" (Psa. 21:3).

Fulfillment: "His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns" (Rev. 19:12).

Note: Jesus here leads in a war of right against wrong; His many crowns show many victories; those following Christ are not fighting losing battles—victory is sure.

(4) **Christ Was to be the Most Blessed Forever.**

Prophecy: "For Thou hast made Him most blessed forever" (Psa. 21:6).

Fulfillment: "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil. 2:9-11).

Note: Christ died on the cross to glorify God as well as to save sinners; God exalted Him for this above Himself; three worlds, heaven, earth, and hell, will be on their knees to Christ, confessing Him to the Glory of God.

(5) **Christ Was to Say: "My God, My God, Why Hast Thou Forsaken Me?"**

Prophecy: "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me" (Psa. 22:1)?

Fulfillment: "And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, Lamasabachthani? that is to say, My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken Me" (Matt. 27:46)?

Note: God literally forsook His Son long enough for Jesus to feel what a sinner does when he is dying "without God, and without hope in the world"; yes, Jesus came to taste the bitterest dregs that sinners taste that He might be the more able to get under all their sorrows and griefs; since Christ has felt what it means for a sinner to die without God, He leaves nothing undone to "snatch him from the brands of burning."

(6) **Christ Was to be Derided Concerning His Being Delivered from His Enemies.**

Prophecy: "He trusted on the Lord that He would deliver Him: let Him deliver Him, seeing He delighted in Him" (Psa. 22:8).

Fulfillment: "He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now, if He will have Him: for He said, I am the Son of God" (Matt. 27:43).

Note: This took place when Christ was on the cross; Jesus would have been a liar, if He had been saved from the cross—He had taught He was to be crucified (Matt. 20:19); He won His great victory by His death and resurrection; no other religious founder ever died and rose for his religion.

(7) **Christ Was to Suffer Great Thirst While Dying.**

Prophecy: "My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and My tongue cleaveth to My jaws; and Thou hast brought Me into the dust of death" (Psa. 22:15).

Fulfillment: "After this, Jesus knowing that all things

were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst" (Jno. 19:28).

Note: Thirst from crucifixion is said to be the worst in the world; Christ's tongue from thirst stuck to His mouth; we cannot know the full love-price Jesus paid for our souls; we should be most faithful to Him; a potsherd is a fragment or piece of a broken pot; Christ's mouth was to crack to pieces from thirst; we cannot know what Jesus suffered on the cross for us.

(8) **Christ's Hands and Feet Were to be Pierced.**

Prophecy: "For dogs have compassed Me: the assembly of the wicked have enclosed Me: They pierced My hands and My feet" (Psa. 22:16).

Fulfillment: "The other disciples therefore said unto him, we have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe" (Jno. 20:25). "Then saith He to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold My hands; and reach hither thy hand, thrust it into My side: and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto Him, My Lord and my God" (Jno. 20:27, 28).

Note: Those who crucified Christ were called "dogs" and "the assembly of the wicked"; Thomas had an opportunity to thrust his hand into Christ's side, and to see the nail-prints before he would believe; he saw, and believed; it is far greater for us to believe when we have not seen.

(9) **They Were to Part Christ's Garments, and Cast Lots for Them.**

Prophecy: "They part My garments among them, and cast lots upon My vesture" (Psa. 22:18).

Fulfillment: "Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted His raiment, and cast lots" (Luke 23:34).

Note: It was for His seamless coat that they cast lots; His other clothes the four Roman soldiers that crucified Him divided, "parted", among themselves—His clothes were their pay for killing Him.

(10) **Christ Was to Call His People Brethren, and Sing God's Praise in the Church.**

Prophecy: "I will declare Thy name unto My brethren: in the midst of the Congregation will I praise Thee" (Psa. 22:22).

Fulfillment: "For both He that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying, I will declare Thy name unto My brethren, in the midst of the Church will I sing praise unto Thee" (Heb. 2:11, 12).

Note: Christ comes to the lowest depths when He calls Christians "brethren"; through Christians he sings God's praise in the Church; He has made Himself one with us; we cannot thank Him enough for putting Himself on a common plane with us; He came to the lowest depths and took hold of the worst of sinners and will lift them to the highest heaven.

LESSON NO. 3

(Prophecies concerning Christ)

(1) **Preaching Christ Was to Cause People to be "Born", Regenerated.**

Prophecy: "They shall come, and shall declare His righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that He hath done this" (Psa. 22:31).

Fulfillment: "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto Him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (Jno. 3:3-5).

Note: They have to be "born of the flesh" to become "people"; here "people", those born once, of the flesh, have to be "born", a second birth; this is a birth into Christ's kingdom-family.

(2) **The Ascension of Christ Foretold Beautifully.**

Prophecy: "Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory" (Psa. 24:7-10).

Fulfillment: "And when He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received

Him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Who also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, Who is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven" (Acts 1:9-11).

Note: David said He would ascend into heaven; human witnesses said He did ascend into heaven; angel witnesses said He did; we accept the testimony.

(3) **Christ Was to Teach Sinners in the Way.**

Prophecy: "Good and upright is the Lord: therefore will He teach sinners in the way" (Psa. 25:8).

Fulfillment: "But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" (Matt. 9:13).

Note: Christ was the first Teacher interested in sinners; He teaches them "the way"—the Christ-Way home; all sinners should love and accept Christ.

(4) **False Witnesses Were to Testify Against Christ.**

Prophecy: "Deliver Me not over unto the will of Mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against Me, and such as breathe out cruelty" (Psa. 27:12).

Fulfillment: "Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council sought false witnesses against Jesus, to put Him to death; but found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses, and said, This Fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days" (Matt. 26:59-61).

Note: These are "false witnesses"; they lied about Jesus; their false testimony caused His crucifixion; the unfaithful lives of Christians witness against Him now, causing Him to be crucified afresh and put to open shame (Heb. 6:4-6).

(5) **Christ Was to be Anointed.**

Prophecy: "The Lord is their Strength, and He is the saving Strength of His Anointed" (Psa. 28:8).

Fulfillment: "Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, anointed Thee with the oil of gladness above Thy fellows" (Heb. 1:9).

Note: Christ came in the strength of His Father; He glorified God; God anointed Him; in our lives we should exalt Him.

(6) **Christ Was to Commit His Spirit to God.**

Prophecy: "Into Thine hand I commit My Spirit" (Psa. 31:5).

Fulfillment: "And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, He said, Father, into Thy Hands I commend My Spirit" (Luke 23:46).

Note: His enemies killed His body; they could not determine the destiny of His Spirit; Christian living will make it all right when our spirits are turned over to God in the judgment.

(7) **Christ Was to be Reproached by Enemies, and Forsaken by Friends.**

Prophecy: "I was a Reproach among all Mine enemies, but especially among My neighbors, and a Fear to Mine acquaintance: they that did see Me without fled from Me" (Psa. 31:11).

Fulfillment: "In the same hour said Jesus to the multitudes, Are ye come out as against a thief with swords and staves for to take Me? I sat daily with you teaching in the temple, and ye laid no hold on Me. But all this was done, that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all His disciples forsook Him, and fled" (Matt. 26:55, 56).

Note: It is bad to have enemies seeking our hurt; it is worse when our friends forsake us when we need friends most; we should be sure to be friends to others when they need us.

(8) **Christ Was to be as a Broken Vessel, and Forgotten as a Dead Man.**

Prophecy: "I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind: I am like a broken vessel" (Psa. 31:12).

Fulfillment: "And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost" (Mark 15:37). "Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven devils. And she went and told them that had been with Him, as they mourned and wept. And they, when they had heard that He was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not" (Mark 16:9-11).

Note: His disciples had so forgotten His teachings, so forgotten Him, that they did not believe He had risen; He is truly "broken" for us (1 Cor. 11:24).

(9) **Christ's Bones Were not to be Broken.**

Prophecy: "He keepeth all His bones: not one of them is broken" (Psa. 34:20).

Fulfillment: "For these things were done, that the

Scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of Him shall not be broken" (Jno. 19:36).

Note: These are not meaningless prophecies; uninspired men could not have foretold such things.

(10) **Christ Was to be Rewarded Evil for Good.**

Prophecy: "They rewarded Me evil for good to the spoiling of My soul" (Psa. 35:12).

Fulfillment: "Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shown you from My Father; for which of these works do ye stone Me" (Jno. 10:32)?

Note: Jesus never did wrong (Heb. 4:15); highest courts said He was innocent; therefore, He was lynched for being good.

LESSON NO. 4

(Prophecies concerning Christ)

(1) **Christ Was to be Hated Without a Cause.**

Prophecy: "Let not them that are Mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over Me: neither let them wink with the eye that hate Me without a cause" (Psa. 35:19).

Fulfillment: "But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated Me without a cause" (Jno. 15:25).

Note: They literally hated Christ; some hate Him now; His worst enemies are unfaithful, so-called Christians.

(2) **Christ's Familiar Friend, Judas, Was to Lift up His Heel Against Him.**

Prophecy: "Yea, Mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, who did eat of My bread, hath lifted up his heel against Me" (Psa. 41:9).

Fulfillment: "I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the Scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with Me hath lifted up his heel against Me" (Jno. 13:18).

Note: Judas bit the hand that fed him; men are treated the same way; so-called Christians treat Christ that way now.

(3) **Christ's Tears Were to be His Meat.**

Prophecy: "My tears have been My meat day and night, while they continually say unto Me, Where is Thy God" (Psa. 42:3)?

Fulfillment: "Who in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto Him that was able to save Him from death, and was heard in that He feared" (Heb. 5:7).

Note: Jesus wept much; He wept over Jerusalem (Luke 19:41); He wept over dead Lazarus (Jno. 11:35); He wept in Gethsemane (Heb. 5:7); tradition says He was never seen to smile, but often wept.

(4) **Christ Was to Go to The Altar, The Cross.**

Prophecy: "Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God My exceeding joy" (Psa. 43:4).

Fulfillment: "And they crucified Him" (Matt. 27:35).

Note: David saw the cross-altar a thousand years before Christ died upon it; Christ went to God by the way of the cross-altar; that is the way we go to God (Gal. 5:24; 6:14).

(5) **Christ's Followers Were to Suffer a Living Death for Him.**

Prophecy: "Yea, for Thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter" (Psa. 44:22).

Fulfillment: "As it is written, for Thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter" (Rom. 8:36).

Note: Christ went through a living death for us; we should suffer the same for Him; He gave His life for us; we should give all to Him.

(6) **Grace Was to Be Poured into Christ's Lips.**

Prophecy: "Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into Thy lips" (Psa. 45:2).

Fulfillment: "And all bare Him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth" (Luke 4:22).

Note: The children of men were not as fair as this One was, showing He was not human; grace was poured into His lips; He poured out this grace to others; we should receive from God, and pass the same on to others; no one can be Christian and not bless others with his own blessings from heaven.

(7) **Christ Was to Have a Sword.**

Prophecy: "Gird Thy Sword upon Thy thigh, O most Mighty, with Thy glory and Thy majesty" (Psa. 45:3).

Fulfillment: "And out of His mouth goeth a sharp Sword, that with it He should smite the nations: and He shall rule them with a Rod of iron: and He treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He hath on His vesture and on His thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS" (Rev. 19:15, 16).

Note: In glory and majesty He was to wear the Sword upon His thigh, denoting great authority; this Sword is the Word of God (Heb. 4:12; Eph. 6:17); with this Sword-Book Christ is to overcome and rule the nations; He wears upon His thigh a name denoting authority over all peoples; the use of the Bible-Sword brings to Him the glory-name worn upon His thigh.

(8) **Christ Was to Have a Gold-dressed Queen—the Church.**

Prophecy: "Upon Thy right hand did stand the Queen in gold of Ophir" (Psa. 45:9). "The king's daughter is all glorious within; her clothing is of wrought gold. She

shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needlework: the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto Thee. With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the King's palace" (Psa. 45:13-15).

Fulfillment: "And there came unto me one of the seven angels that had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will show thee the Bride, the Lamb's Wife. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great City, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God" (Rev. 21:9, 10). "And the building of the wall of it was of Jasper: and the City was pure gold, like unto clear glass" (Rev. 21:18).

Note: The prophet saw Christ's Queen-Bride, the Church, in a gold dress; John saw a great City called "The Bride, the Lamb's Wife," and that City was pure gold, in perfect keeping with David's gold-dressed Queen at Christ's right hand; the gold-dress denotes purification by fires; the white gold, like clear glass, denotes God's word (2 Cor. 3:18); every Christian should be pure gold.

(9) **Christ Was to Make Princes of His Followers.**

Prophecy: "Instead of Thy fathers shall be Thy children, whom Thou mayest make princes in all the earth" (Psa. 45:16).

Fulfillment: "And from Jesus Christ, Who is the faithful Witness, and the First begotten of the dead, and the Prince of the kings of the earth. Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father;

to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever" (Rev. 1:5, 6).

Note: We are kings and priests by Christ's own making; He is King over us kings; we should be loyally subject to Him in all things for the honor bestowed upon us by Him.

(10) **Christ Was to Give to Humanity a River That Would Make Glad His People.**

Prophecy: "There is a River, the streams whereof shall make glad the City of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High" (Psa. 46:4). See also Eze. 47:1-14.

Fulfillment: "And he showed me a pure River of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the River, was there the Tree of Life, Which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the Tree were for the healing of the nations" (Rev. 22:1-3).

Note: This River of Salvation gladdens the whole "City of God", the Church; It is a pure River; It is a River of Life; It proceeds from God and the Lamb; the leaves of the Tree are for the "healing of the nations"; then, the unsaved may come and be healed, be saved.

LESSON NO. 5

(Prophecies concerning Christ)

(1) Christ's Enemies Were to Oppress Him Greatly.

Prophecy: "Be merciful unto Me, O God: for man would swallow Me up; he fighting daily oppresseth Me. Mine enemies would daily swallow Me up; for they be many that fight against Me, O Thou most High" (Psa. 56: 1, 2).

Fulfillment: "Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put Him to death" (Jno. 11:53).

Note: The expression "man would swallow Me up" shows that it was not a "man" talking—He was more than man; Christ had many enemies, but He kept on to success; nothing should discourage His followers.

(2) Christ Was Not to Fear What Flesh Could Do to Him.

Prophecy: "I will not fear what flesh can do to Me" (Psa. 56:4).

Fulfillment: "Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He shall presently give Me more than twelve legions of angels" (Matt. 26:52, 53)?

Note: Jesus feared no man; He could call out twelve legions of angels instantly—a Roman legion varied from three thousand three hundred to six thousand soldiers—Jesus must have referred to at least fifty thousand angels; Christians are not to fear what man can do to them (Heb. 13:6).

(3) **They Were to Try to Wrest the Words of Christ.**

Prophecy: "Every day they wrest My words: all their thoughts are against Me for evil" (Psa. 56:5).

Fulfillment: "And they sent unto Him certain of the Pharisees and of the Herodians, to catch Him in His words" (Mark 12:13).

Note: Time and time again they tried to wrest His words, each time a failure; all their thoughts were against Him.

(4) **Christ's Enemies Were to Hide Around, Trying to Hurt Him.**

Prophecy: "They gather themselves together, they hide themselves, they mark My steps, when they wait for My soul" (Psa. 56:6).

Fulfillment: "Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put Him to death" (Jno. 11:53).

Note: They organized against Christ—took counsel together; they hid about, slipped around, to do Him hurt; there is nothing hidden that shall not be made manifest, said Christ.

(5) **By Prayer Christ Was to Drive Back His Enemies.**

Prophecy: "When I cry unto Thee, then shall Mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God is for Me" (Psa. 56:9).

Fulfillment: "And when the tempter came to Him, he said, If Thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But He answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:3, 4). "Father, if Thou be willing, remove this cup from Me: nevertheless not My will, but Thine, be done. And

there appeared an angel unto Him from heaven, strengthening Him" (Luke 22:42, 43).

Note: Satan thought He would overcome Christ in Gethsemane, that He would die in the Garden that night, but prayer brought an angel and strength—the Devil had to go away; prayer will do much for us during temptation; "Pray that ye enter not into temptation" (Luke 22:40).

(6) **Christ Was to Exalt and Glorify God.**

Prophecy: "Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; let Thy glory be above all the earth" (Psa. 57:5).

Fulfillment: "I have glorified Thee on the earth; I have finished the work which Thou gavest Me to do" (Jno. 17:4).

Note: Christ exalted and glorified God by doing what was assigned to Him by His Father; Paul finished his work for God (2 Tim. 4:7); are we going to finish what He wants us to do?

(7) **Christ Was to be God's "Beloved".**

Prophecy: "That Thy Beloved may be delivered" (Psa. 60:5).

Fulfillment: "And behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is My Beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him" (Matt. 17:5).

Note: God loved Christ, and sent Him to be the world's Teacher; God loves all who obey Him.

(8) **Christ Was to be Perfect.**

Prophecy: "That they may shoot in secret at the Perfect" (Psa. 64:4).

Fulfillment: "And being made perfect, He became the Author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him" (Heb. 5:9).

Note: Christ was sinless (Heb. 4:15); He is the world's perfect Example; He wants us to grow daily toward perfection.

(9) **Christ Was to Calm Stormy Seas.**

Prophecy: "Who stilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people" (Psa. 65:7).

Fulfillment: "Then He arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm" (Matt. 8:26).

Note: How did David know that a thousand years later Christ would calm the seas? Only by Inspiration; the Bible is surely Inspired.

(10) **Angels Were to be With Christ in His Holy Place, the Church.**

Prophecy: "The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the Holy Place" (Psa. 68:17).

Fulfillment: "But ye are come unto Mount Sion, and unto the City of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the General Assembly and Church of the First-born, who are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus the Mediator of the new Covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel" (Heb. 12:22-24).

Note: We learn here that angels without number are with Christ in His Church; angels will be with Him when He comes to judge the world (Matt. 25:31-46); angels

are subject to Christ (1 Peter 3:22); angels are servants to Christians (Heb. 1:14); saints will judge angels (1 Cor. 6:3).

LESSON NO. 6

(Prophecies concerning Christ)

(1) Christ Was to Restore That Which He Took Not Away—Life.

Prophecy: "They that hate Me without a cause are more than the hairs of Mine head: they that would destroy Me, being Mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I restored that which I took not away" (Psa. 69:4).

Fulfillment: "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (Jno. 10:10).

Note: Man lived a long time at first; sin shortened man's life; Christ came to destroy sin and the Devil (1 Jno. 3:5, 8); Christ took not His own life from Himself, but in the resurrection He restored that which He took not away—His own life.

(2) Christ Was to Suffer Reproach, and Shame.

Prophecy: "Because for Thy sake I have borne reproach; shame hath covered My face" (Psa. 69:7).

Fulfillment: "Looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith; who for the joy set before Him endured the Cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Heb. 12:2).

Note: Christ did bear our reproach; He bore the shame of the cross; He despised that shame, but endured it for our sakes; we should do all to glorify Him in the best living possible.

(3) **Jesus Was to Become a Stranger and an Alien to His Relatives.**

Prophecy: "I am become a Stranger unto My brethren, and an Alien unto My mother's children" (Psa. 69:8).

Fulfillment: "For neither did His brethren believe in Him" (Jno. 7:5).

Note: It was hard on Christ for many not to believe in Him; it was far worse when His relatives, His half brothers and sisters, did not believe in Him; do we satisfy Him with our faith?

(4) **Jewish Zeal Was to Eat up Christ.**

Prophecy: For the zeal of Thine house hath eaten Me up" (Psa. 69:9).

Fulfillment: "And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not My Father's house an house of merchandise. And His disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of Thine house hath eaten Me up" (Jno. 2:16, 17).

Note: The Jews had zeal without knowledge (Rom. 10:2); they had zeal for the wrong things; are we sure we are zealous for only Scriptural things?

(5) **The Reproaches Heaped upon God by Sinners Were to Fall upon Christ.**

Prophecy: "The reproaches of them that reproached Thee are fallen upon Me" (Psa. 69:9).

Fulfillment: "For even Christ pleased not Himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached Thee fell on Me" (Rom. 15:3).

Note: God bore a long time the reproach of sinners; Jesus came and suffered them, and then gave His own blood to wash them away.

(6) **Christ Was to Chasten His Soul with Fasting.**

Prophecy: "When I wept, and chastened My soul with fasting, that was to My reproach" (Psa. 69:10).

Fulfillment: "Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the Devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He was afterward an hungered" (Matt. 4:1, 2).

Note: It was the prophet that told us WHY Jesus fasted. It was to chasten His soul, to get strength to overcome the Devil in the great temptation in the wilderness; if we would fast and pray more, the Devil would have less power over us; Daniel was made great by fasting and prayer (Dan. 10:1-21).

(7) **Jesus Was to Look for Human Pity and Sympathy Without Finding It.**

Prophecy: "Reproach hath broken My heart; and I am full of heaviness: and I looked for some to take pity, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none (Psa. 69:20).

Fulfillment: "And He taketh with Him Peter and James and John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy; and saith unto them, My soul is exceedingly sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch" (Mark 14:33, 34). "And He cometh, and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? couldest not thou watch one hour?" (Mark 14:37). And they all forsook Him, and fled" (Mark 14:50).

Note: Our hearts here melt in tears for Jesus; He was so very sorrowful that He was about to die in Gethsemane that night, and called upon His best friends to watch and pray with Him, but they failed Him; He looked for pity and

comfort, and found none, just as the prophet had said; how much does He get from us?

(8) **They Were to Give Christ Vinegar and Gall.**

Prophecy: "They gave Me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave Me vinegar to drink" (Psa. 69:21).

Fulfillment: "They gave Him vinegar to drink mingled with gall" (Matt. 27:34).

Note: The Old Testament here says They would give Him vinegar and gall, and the New Testament says They did do it; surely the Bible is Inspired of God; what do we as Christians give Him to eat and drink? We can feed Him, can give Him drink (Matt. 25: 34-45).

(9) **Christ Was to be More Pleasing to God as a Sacrifice Than Beasts Were.**

Prophecy: "This also shall please the Lord better than an ox or bullock that hath horns and hoofs" (Psa. 69:31).

Fulfillment: "For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: how much more shall the blood of Christ, Who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, to purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God" (Heb. 9:13, 14)?

Note: Animal-sacrifices only purified the flesh in a limited way; Christ purifies the soul; He is the spotless Offering for sin.

(10) **Those That Sought Christ's Hurt Were to be Turned Backward.**

Prophecy: "Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after My soul: let them be turned backward,

and put to confusion, that desire My hurt" (Psa. 70:2).

Fulfillment: "As soon as He had said to them, I am He, they went backward, and fell to the ground" (Jno. 18:6).

Note: David could not be guessing when he said His enemies would go backward; the Bible is surely Inspired; we believe God's Word.

LESSON NO. 7

(Prophecies concerning Christ)

(1) Christ Was to be Made Judge.

Prophecy: "He shall judge Thy people with righteousness, and Thy poor with judgment" (Psa. 72:2).

Fulfillment: "For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son" (Jno. 5:22).

Note: God has not lived in human flesh as has His Son, and would not be as merciful as Jesus Who knows all the infirmities of the flesh; God wants His people to have all the mercy possible; He wants them to have a "righteous judgment."

(2) Gifts Were to be Brought to Christ at His Birth.

Prophecy: "And He shall live (be born), and to Him shall be given the gold of Sheba: prayer also shall be made for Him continually; and daily shall He be praised" (Psa. 72:15).

Fulfillment: "And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary His mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh" (Matt. 2:11).

Note: Never was any other prophecy more literally fulfilled than was this one; Jesus is God's Gift to the World; He was met with a gift from the world; we should give to Him our all and all.

(3) Christ Was to Purchase His Church.

Prophecy: "Remember Thy congregation, which Thou hast purchased of old; the rod of Thine inheritance,

which Thou hast redeemed; this Mount Zion, wherein Thou hast dwelt" (Psa. 74:2).

Fulfillment: "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Spirit hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood" (Acts 20:28).

Note: Christ is represented as having been crucified from the foundation of the world (Rev. 13:8); so He is said to have purchased His Church from "of old."

(4) **Christ's Church Was to be in Salem (Jerusalem).**

Prophecy: "In Salem also is His tabernacle, and His dwelling place in Zion" (Psa. 76:2). "For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem" (Isa. 2:3).

Fulfillment: "But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the City of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the General Assembly and Church of the Firstborn, who are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel" (Heb. 12:22-24).

Note: The New Testament Church was established at Jerusalem (Acts 2:1-47); God's new law went out from Jerusalem on Pentecost.

(5) **The Teaching of Christ Was to be Called a Law.**

Prophecy: "Give ear, O My people, to My law; incline your ears to the words of My mouth" (Psa. 78:1). "For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem" (Isa. 2:3).

Fulfillment: "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Gal. 6:2).

Note: God gave a law to His Old Testament Church; Christ gave the Gospel-law to His New Testament Church; we should be law-abiding citizens in His Church-kingdom.

(6) **Christ Was to Speak in Parables.**

Prophecy: "I will open My mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old" (Psa. 78:2).

Fulfillment: "Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand" (Matt. 13:13). "All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open My mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world" (Matt. 13:34, 35).

Note: David said Christ would speak in parables; He did; we accept the Bible as Inspired.

(7) **Christ Was to Speak Peace to His People.**

Prophecy: "He will speak peace unto His people" (Psa. 85:8).

Fulfillment: "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you" (Jno. 14:27).

Note: Christ does not give the kind of peace that the world gives; Christ gives soul-peace, a peace that obtains even in war.

(8) **Christ Was to be Holy.**

Prophecy: "Preserve My soul; for I am holy" (Psa. 86:2).

Fulfillment: "Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with Thee, Thou Jesus of Nazareth? art Thou come to destroy us? I know thee Who Thou art, the Holy One of God" (Mark 1:24). "But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you" (Acts 3:14).

Note: One may find many faults in the lives of saints; they can find none in Christ; see no man—just Jesus only.

(9) **Christ's Faithfulness Was to be Praised in the Church.**

Prophecy: "All the heavens shall praise Thy wonders, O Lord: Thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints" (Psa. 89:5).

Fulfillment: "Praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the Church daily such as should be saved" (Acts 2:47).

Note. Thousands are praising Him in many lands; more and more will praise Him.

(10) **Christ Was to be the Glory of the Strength of Christians.**

Prophecy: "For Thou art the Glory of their strength" (Psa. 89:17).

Fulfillment: "For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And He said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for My strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest

upon me" (2 Cor. 12:8, 9). "For the Spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you" (1 Peter 4:14).

Note: Christians do not rely upon their own strength; they can do all things through Christ Who strengthens them (Phil. 4:13).

LESSON NO. 8

(Prophecies concerning Christ)

(1) Christ Was to Teach People to Call God "Father."

Prophecy: "He shall cry unto Me, Thou art My Father, My God, and the Rock of My salvation" (Psa. 89:26).

Fulfillment: "After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father Who art in heaven" (Matt. 6:9).

Note: The Jews addressed God thus: "O Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob;" it was Christ Who taught His followers to call God "Father."

(2) God Was to Make Christ His Firstborn.

Prophecy: "Also I will make Him My Firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth" (Psa. 89:27).

Fulfillment: "Who is the Image of the invisible God, the Firstborn of every creature" (Col. 1:15).

Note: Christ was the Firstborn Spiritually; He was also the Firstborn from the grave of those who die no more; we should make Him first in our lives.

(3) Christ Was to be Clothed with Majesty and Strength.

Prophecy: "The Lord reigneth, He is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith He hath girded Himself: the world also is established, that it cannot be moved" (Psa. 93:1).

Fulfillment: "Who being the brightness of His glory, and the express Image of His Person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Him-

self purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high" (Heb. 1:3).

Note: Christ's Majesty was shown in His being the "Brightness of His glory"; His strength is shown in "His upholding all things"; His purging our sins entitles Him to our best living.

(4) **Christ Was to be Praised with Thanksgiving and Psalms.**

Prophecy: "O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms" (Psa. 95:1, 2).

Fulfillment: "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord" (Eph. 5:19).

Note: Millions are praising Him daily just as prophesied; none other has ever received the universal praise that Christ gets; He merits our best.

(5) **Christ Was to be a King above All Gods.**

Prophecy: "For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods" (Psa. 95:3).

Fulfillment: "And He hath on His vesture and on His thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS" (Rev. 19:16).

Note: Christ is called God many times in the Bible; where Christ is received all false gods pass away; He is fast taking the world.

(6) **People Were to Bow Down Before Christ, and Worship.**

Prophecy: "O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker" (Psa. 95:6).

Fulfillment: "And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge" (Acts 7:60). "But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed" (Acts 9:40). "And we kneeled down on the shore, and prayed" (Acts 21:5). "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Eph. 3:14).

Note: Thousands have bowed their knees to Christ; three worlds, heaven, earth, and hell, will bow to Him some day (Phil. 2:9-11).

(7) **Christ's People Were to be Called Sheep.**

Prophecy: "For He is our God; and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness" (Psa. 95:7, 8).

Fulfillment: "I am the good Shepherd, and know My sheep, and am known of Mine" (Jno. 10:14).

Note: Christians are His sheep (Matt. 25:31-46); Christian-sheep pasture in the Church-fold; Christ the good Shepherd died for His sheep; His sheep should never stray from Him.

(8) **A New Song Was to be Sung to Christ:**

Prophecy: "O sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the earth" (Psa. 96:1).

Fulfillment: "And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, who were redeemed from the earth" (Rev. 14:3).

Note: David saw that Christ would be praised with a

new song; only Christians really know Christian songs; others try to sing them, but they do not fully know them; Christianity belongs to Christians.

(9) **Christ's Glory and Wonders Were to be Declared to All People.**

Prophecy: "Declare His glory among the heathen, His wonders among all people" (Psa. 96:3).

Fulfillment: "And He said unto them, go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark. 16:15, 16).

Note: The law of Moses was for Jews only; it was to produce a woman fit to be the mother of Jesus; the gospel of Christ is for everybody.

(10) **Strength and Beauty Were to be in Christ's Church.**

Prophecy: "Honor and majesty are before Him: strength and beauty are in His Sanctuary" (Psa. 96:6).

Fulfillment: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Rom. 1:16). "As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things" (Rom. 10:15).

Note: Christ's strength is shown in the gospel preached; through it Christ changed the worst of men into the best; such a marvelous change is the beauty in His Church.

LESSON NO. 9

(Prophecies concerning Christ)

(1) Christ Was to Receive Offerings in His Church.

Prophecy: "Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name: bring an offering, and come into His courts" (Psa. 96:8).

Fulfillment: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Rom. 12:1). "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come" (1 Cor. 16:2).

Note: Our bodies first should be given to Christ as offerings; weekly we should give of our means as God prospers us; each member of the church should be a giver, regardless of age. Note the expression: "Let every one of you lay by him in store." Not just the head of the family —"every one of you", said Paul; it is impossible to be a Christian and not to be a liberal giver.

(2) Christ Was to be Worshipped in Holiness.

Prophecy: "O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before Him, all the earth" (Psa. 96:9).

Fulfillment: "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord" (Heb. 12:14).

Note: Christ is holy; His followers are holy; every one set apart to good works is called holy.

(3) **Christ's Zion-Church Was to be Glad.**

Prophecy: "Zion heard, and was glad" (Psa. 97:8).

Fulfillment: "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready" (Rev. 19:7).

Note: Christians are the happiest people on earth; sinners are never fully happy.

(4) **Christ Was to be Great in His Zion-Church.**

Prophecy: "The Lord is great in Zion; and He is high above all people" (Psa. 99:2).

Fulfillment: "And He hath on His vesture and on His thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS" (Rev. 19:16).

Note: To Christians, Christ is the greatest One in all the universe; God has given Him a name that is above every name, making Christ first to saints (Phil. 2:9-11).

(5) **Deceitful Liars Were Not to Live in Christ's House.**

Prophecy: "He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within My house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in My sight" (Psa. 101:7).

Fulfillment: "And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they who are written in the Lamb's book of life" (Rev. 21:27).

Note: Bad people may get their names on some church books but that does not make them church members; only the regenerated are members of Christ's Church.

(6) **There Were to be Stones in Christ's Zion-Church.**

Prophecy: "Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favor her, yea, the set time, is come.

For Thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favor the dust thereof" (Psa. 102:13, 14).

Fulfillment: "To Whom coming, as unto a living Stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 2:4, 5).

Note: Christ is the great "Corner Stone"; each Christian is a little, but "lively stone" in the Church.

(7) **Christ Was to Regard Prayer.**

Prophecy: "He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer" (Psa. 102:17).

Fulfillment: "If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" (Jno. 15:7).

Note: Christ wants His followers to ask Him for things; He rejoices in answering prayer; we miss much when we do not pray; the word "Devil" means "Trying to prevent prayer."

(8) **Christ Was to Forgive Sins.**

Prophecy: "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities" (Psa. 103:3).

Fulfillment: "Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee" (Matt. 9:2). "But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then said He to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house" (Matt. 9:6).

Note: Under the Law of Moses there was no one to forgive sins; under Christ we have pardon; this one thing makes Him All and All to us.

(9) **Christ Was to Heal Diseases.**

Prophecy: "Who healeth all thy diseases" (Psa. 103:3).

Fulfillment: "And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people" (Matt. 9:35).

Note: David said He would heal them ALL; Mathew said he DID.

(10) **Judas Was to Lose His Office for Betraying Christ.**

Prophecy: "Let his days be few; and let another take his office" (Psa. 109:8).

Fulfillment: "For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishopric let another take" (Acts 1:20).

Note: This was fulfilled, as the others, literally; read all the 109th Psalm and see what Judas and his family were to suffer. A wicked man was to be set over him—Satan was to stand at his right hand—he was to be condemned in judgment—his prayer was to be sin—his days were to be few—he was to lose his office—his children were to be fatherless—his wife was to be a widow—his children were to become vagabonds, and beg—the extortioner was to catch all he had—strangers were to spoil his labor—no one was to extend him mercy—no one was to favor his orphan children—his posterity was to be cut off—the name of his posterity was to be blotted out in the following generation—the iniquities of his fathers were to be remembered by the Lord—his mother's sin was not to be blotted out—his bowels were to be cursed.

LESSON NO. 10

(Prophecies concerning Christ)

(1) **The Bowels of Judas Were to be Cursed, Because He Betrayed Christ.**

Prophecy: "As he clothed himself with cursing like as with his garment, so let it come into his bowels like water, and like oil into his bones" (Psa. 109:18).

Fulfillment: "For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of his ministry. Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out" (Acts 1:17, 18).

Note: According to the prophet David, the same cursing Judas used against Christ was to enter his own bowels; we now can understand why his "bowels gushed out"—they were "cursed"; we reap what we sow; God's word is Inspired.

(2) **The Days of Judas Were to be Cut Short, Because He Betrayed Christ.**

Prophecy: "Let his days be few" (Psa. 109:8).

Fulfillment: "And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself" (Matt. 27:5).

Note: David was not guessing when he spoke of his "days being few"; the Bible is surely Inspired; it does not pay to sin, especially against the innocent; "We surely reap what we sow".

(3) Christ Was to be a Priest After the Order of Melchizedek.

Prophecy: "The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a Priest forever after the order of Melchizedek" (Psa. 110:4).

Fulfillment: "And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another Priest, Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life. For He testifieth, Thou art a Priest forever after the order of Melchisedec" (Heb. 7:15-17).

Note: Christ is not a Priest after the order of Aaron; He is after the order of Melchisedec, a Gentile; Paul was showing the Jews who worshipped Abraham and Moses, thinking they were the greatest men of earth, that neither was great enough for Christ to be made after his order, but that He was made after one greater than either, one so great that Abraham paid tithes to him, that there was a Gentile greater than any Jew that ever lived.

(4) Christ Was to Send Redemption to His People.

Prophecy: "He sent redemption unto His people." (Psa. 111:9).

Fulfillment: "In Whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" (Eph. 1:7).

Note: Under the law there was no redemption from sin; only in Christ may one enjoy that kind of redemption.

(5) Christ Was to Suffer Hell.

Prophecy: "The sorrows of death compassed Me, and the pains of hell got hold upon Me: I found trouble

and sorrow" (Psa. 116:3). "Thou hast delivered My soul from the lowest hell" (Psa. 86:13).

Fulfillment: "He seeing this before spoke of the resurrection of Christ, that His soul was not left in hell, neither His flesh did see corruption" (Acts 2:31).

Note: There are different hells mentioned in the Bible; on the cross Christ suffered all there is to hell; He suffered all there is in the lowest hell; the hell He suffered on the cross brought Him into the death state, another hell condition, from which He arose in great triumph.

(6) **The Door of Christ's Church Was to be Called "The Gate of the Lord."**

Prophecy: "This gate of the Lord, into which the righteous shall enter" (Psa. 118:20).

Fulfillment: "I am the Door: by Me if any man shall enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture" (Jno. 10:9).

Note: It is wonderful how David called it "The Gate of the Lord", and then Jesus said: "I am the Door"; it means the Bible is most surely Inspired.

(7) **Christ, the Stone Refused by the Builders, Was to Become the Head of the Corner.**

Prophecy: "The Stone Which the builders refused is become the Head of the corner" (Psa. 118:22).

Fulfillment: "Jesus said unto them, Did ye never read in the Scriptures, The Stone Which the builders rejected, the same is become the Head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes" (Matt. 21:42)? "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief Corner Stone" (Eph. 2:20).

Note: A thousand years before David said The Rejected Stone would become the Head of the corner; Paul said This Christ-Stone had become the "Chief Corner Stone"; yes, the Bible is Inspired.

(8) **People Were to Say of Christ, "Blessed is He that Cometh in the Name of the Lord."**

Prophecy: "Blessed be He that cometh in the name of the Lord" (Psa. 118:26).

Fulfillment: "And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest" (Matt. 21:9).

Note: Each of these prophecies is literally fulfilled; we cannot deny the Inspiration of the Bible.

(9) **Christ Was to be Light from God to Us.**

Prophecy: "God is the Lord, Who hath shown us Light: bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar" (Psa. (118:27).

Fulfillment: "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of Him Who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9).

Note: Christ repeatedly said He is the Light of the world; only Christians walk in that Light.

(10) **Those Trusting in Christ Cannot Be Moved.**

Prophecy: "They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abideth forever" (Psa. 125:1).

Fulfillment: "And I say also unto thee, That thou art

Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:18). "And I give them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand" (Jno. 10:28).

Note: People truly born of God are well-nigh fixtures in His kingdom; it will take more than eight devils to move one of them; we thank God for the care He gives each individual Christian; He holds him fast.

LESSON NO. 11

(Prophecies concerning Christ)

(1) Christ's Church Was to be the "Ark of Strength".

Prophecy: "Arise, O Lord, into Thy rest; Thou, and the ark of Thy strength" (Psa. 132:8).

Fulfillment: "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this Rock I will build My Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:18).

Note: Since the "gates of hell" shall not prevail against the Church, we know it has all the strength mentioned by the prophet; "Ark of Strength" is a beautiful name for the Church; as Noah's ark withstood all the terrors of the flood, so the Church stands firmly against all the wiles of the Devil.

(2) Christ Was to Descend from David.

Prophecy: "The Lord hath sworn in truth unto David; He will not turn from it; Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne" (Psa. 132:11).

Fulfillment: "He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the highest: and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David. And He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of His kingdom there shall be no end" (Luke 1:32, 33).

Note: God swore that Christ would come from David, according to the flesh; He so came; David's kingdom is perpetuated in the New Testament Church, of which it was a picture.

(3) **Christ Was to Dwell in His Church-Zion.**

Prophecy: "For the Lord hath chosen Zion; He hath desired it for His habitation. There is My rest forever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it" (Psa. 132:13, 14).

Fulfillment: "And, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:20). "But ye are come unto Mount Sion, unto the City of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the General Assembly and Church of the First-born, who are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel" (Heb. 12:22-24).

Note: David said Christ would dwell in and rest in His Zion; Paul says He is in the Church-Zion; the Bible is Inspired; in the Church we have the best company in the universe—God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, angels, spirits of just men made perfect—hypocrites may have their names on church books, but they are not members of the Church.

(4) **Christ Was to Bless Abundantly His Church, and Feed Her Members.**

Prophecy: "I will abundantly bless Her provision: I will satisfy Her poor with bread" (Psa. 132:15).

Fulfillment: "Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you. Who so eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is meat indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He that eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, dwelleth

in Me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth Me, even he shall live by Me. This is that Bread Which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this Bread shall live forever" (Jno. 6:53-58).

Note: We can feed the body on corn; we feed the soul on the bread of heaven; we eat this heavenly Bread at the Lord's Supper; those failing to commune regularly starve their souls; they are "sick and weakly."

(5) Christ's Enemies Were to be Clothed with Shame.

Prophecy: "His enemies will I clothe with shame" (Psa. 132:18).

Fulfillment: "Then Judas, who had betrayed Him, when he saw that He was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that. And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself" (Matt. 27:3-5). "Now when the centurion, and they that were with Him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God" (Matt. 27:54).

Note: No greater shame could come to one of Christ's enemies than that which came to Judas; those that crucified Him were nearly frightened to death—"they feared greatly"; however, greater fear yet awaits the enemies of Jesus Christ.

(6) **Christ's Crown Was to Flourish, Grow or Multiply.**

Prophecy: His enemies will I clothe with shame: but upon Himself shall His crown flourish" (Psa. 132:18).

Fulfillment: "His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns" (Rev. 19:12). "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign forever and ever" (Rev. 11:15).

Note: Christ's crown has and does flourish; He already has many crowns; they will continue to multiply—"flourish"—till all kings lay their crowns at His feet.

(7) **Christ Was to be Killed by His Enemies.**

Prophecy: "For the enemy hath persecuted My soul; he hath smitten My life down to the ground; he hath made Me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead" (Psa. 143:3).

Fulfillment: "Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a Man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by Him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and fore-knowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain" (Acts 2:22, 23).

Note: Yes, His enemies killed Him, as the prophet said they would; they did not know they were crucifying God's Son; He has many enemies now crucifying Him afresh (Heb. 6:4-6).

(8) **Christ Was to be Blessed by His Saints.**

Prophecy: "All Thy works shall praise Thee, O Lord; and Thy saints shall bless Thee" (Psa. 145:10).

Fulfillment: "The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who is blessed forevermore, knoweth that I lie not" (2 Cor. 11:31).

Note: Christians are daily blessing His holy name; Christian living is the greatest blessing that we may bring to Christ.

(9) **Christ Was to Open Blind Eyes.**

Prophecy: "The Lord openeth the eyes of the blind" (Psa. 146:8). "Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened" (Isa. 35:5).

Fulfillment: "And He touched their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you. And their eyes were opened" (Matt. 9:29, 30). "They say unto Him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened. So Jesus had compassion on them, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him" (Matt. 20:33, 34).

Note: David said He would open blind eyes; He opened them; the Bible is Inspired; He not only opened blind physical eyes, but He is opening eyes spiritually.

(10) **Christ Was to Preserve Strangers.**

Prophecy: "The Lord preserveth the strangers" (Psa. 146:9).

Fulfillment: "Be not fearful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares" (Heb. 13:2).

Note: One of the many commands given by Christ is this one—Look after strangers; He is seeing they are "preserved", looked after; every family should maintain a comfortable room for strangers.

LESSON NO. 12

(Prophecies concerning Christ)

(1) Christ, Called Wisdom Here, Was to Build His Great Church-House Upon Seven Pillars.

Prophecy: "Wisdom hath builded Her House, She hath hewn out Her seven Pillars" (Prov. 9:1).

Fulfillment: "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, Who is above all, and through all, and in you all" (Eph. 4:4-6).

Note: The seven Pillars on which Christ-Wisdom built His house, as found in the foregoing Scripture, follow: one Body—one Spirit—one hope—one Lord—one faith—one baptism—one God. Upon these seven great UNITIES Christ built His Church, and all hell cannot overcome it.

(2) Christ Called Wisdom Here, Was to Spread His Table with Bread and Wine.

Prophecy: "Wisdom hath builded Her house, She hath hewn out Her seven pillars: She hath killed Her beasts; She hath mingled Her wine; She hath also furnished Her table. She hath sent forth Her maidens: She crieth upon the highest places of the city, Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: as for him that wanteth understanding, She saith to him, Come, eat of My bread, and drink of the wine which I have mingled. Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding" (Prov. 9:1-6).

Fulfillment: "And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the dis-

ciples, and said, Take, eat; this is My body. And He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; for this is My blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (Matt. 26:26-28).

Note: Wisdom was to build a house—the Church; it was to be built upon seven pillars; something was to die —beasts were killed; wine was to be "mingled," mixed with faith and love; a table was to be furnished; servants were to be sent out to invite people into Wisdom's House and to His table; they were invited to eat bread and drink wine from Wisdom's table in His house; they were to be urged to forsake foolish living, and really LIVE; all of these things we find in the Church of Jesus Christ; surely the Bible is Inspired.

(3) Christ's Church Was to be the Fairest Among Women.

Prophecy: "If thou know not, O fairest among women" (Songs 1:8).

Fulfillment: "That He might present it to Himself a glorious Church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish" (Eph. 5:27). "And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars" (Rev. 12:1).

Note: The Song of Solomon is a prophetic dialogue between Christ and His Church-bride; He in this book is represented as the "Rose of Sharon" and the "Lily of the valleys" (Songs 2:1); to Christ the Church is the fairest of all women; She is without spot or wrinkle.

(4) **Christ Was to be Like a Great Tree with Sweet Fruits.**

Prophecy: "As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my Beloved among the sons. I sat down under His shadow with great delight, and His fruit was sweet to my taste" (Songs 2:3).

Fulfillment: "And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the Tree of Life, Which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations" (Rev. 22:1, 2).

Note: Christ is the Ever-bearing Tree of Life, Whose leaves heal the nations; His Church-kingdom is also compared to a tree (Matt. 13:31, 32); The Church which is compared to the great tree is the very "fullness of Christ" (Eph. 1:22, 23); it is worth all the worlds to be the smallest limb on the Church-Tree.

(5) **The Banner Christ Was to Put Over His People Is Love.**

Prophecy: "He brought me to the Banqueting House, and His banner over me was love" (Songs 2:4).

Fulfillment: "As the Father hath loved Me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love" (Jno. 15:9).

Note: Christ is the only Ruler that loves His own so much; all Christians function under His "Lover-Banner"; He does not drive; He draws people by love (Hosea 11:4).

(6) **Christ and His Church Were to Belong to Each Other.**

Prophecy: "My Beloved is mine, and I am His" (Songs 2:16).

Fulfillment: "Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to Another, even to Him Who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God" (Rom. 7:4).

Note: Christ and His Church-Bride belong to each other just as the husband and wife belong to each other —a beautiful relationship; this relationship should inspire us to be our best for Christ.

(7) **Christ's Church Was to be a Sealed Fountain.**

Prophecy: "A garden enclosed is My sister, My spouse; a spring shut up, a fountain sealed" (Songs 4:12).

Fulfillment: "But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life" (Jno. 4:14). "He that believeth on Me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water" (Jno. 7:38). "Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts" (2 Cor. 1:22).

Note: The Holy Spirit is the "sealed Fountain" in the Church, and in the heart of each Christian (Jno. 7:38, 39); He is Living Water to the soul; "Ye were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise" (Eph. 1:13).

(8) **Christ Was to Eat Pleasant Fruits in His Church-Garden.**

Prophecy: "Awake, O north wind; and come, thou south; blow upon my garden, that the spices thereof may

flow out. Let my Beloved come into His Garden, and eat His pleasant fruits" (Songs 4:16).

Fulfillment: "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me" (Rev. 3:20).

Note: Christ was knocking at the door of the Laodicean church, asking to enter and sup with them as a church, or as individuals (Rev. 3:14-20); this shows that Christ eats with His people in His great Church-Garden; how long since you had Christ to dine with you?

(9) **Christ Was to Invite His Friends to Eat With Him in His Church-Garden.**

Prophecy: "I am come into My garden, My sister, My spouse: I have gathered My myrrh with My spice; I have eaten My honeycomb with My honey; I have drunk My wine with My milk: eat, O friends; drink, yea, drink abundantly, O beloved" (Songs 5:1).

Fulfillment: "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Rev. 22:17).

Note: Christ gives His people, his "friends", the greatest welcome to the good things in His Church-Garden that has ever been given; all Christians should feast with Him daily.

(10) **There Was to be a Time When Christ's Church Would Sleep While He Pled for Admission.**

Prophecy: "I sleep, but my heart waketh: it is the voice of my Beloved that knocketh, saying, Open to Me, My sister, My love, My dove, My undefiled: for My head

is filled with dew, and My locks with the drops of the night. I have put off My coat; how shall I put it on? I have washed My feet; how shall I defile them? My Beloved put in His hand by the hole of the door, and my bowels were moved for Him. I rose up to open to my Beloved; and My hands dropped with myrrh, and my fingers with sweet smelling myrrh, upon the handles of the lock. I opened to my Beloved; but my Beloved had withdrawn Himself, and was gone: my soul failed when He spake: I sought Him, but I could not find Him; I called Him, but He gave me no answer. The watchmen that went about the city found me, they smote me, they wounded me; the keepers of the walls took away my vail from me. I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, if ye find my Beloved, that ye tell Him, that I am sick of love" (Songs 5:2-8).

Fulfillment: "And unto the angel of the Church of the Laodiceans write: These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of My mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My

voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me" (Rev. 3:14-20).

Note: In the prophecy the Church was represented as saying, She was sleeping, but her heart was awake; many say now: "We just cannot attend Church, but our hearts are right"; Christ pled for admission on seven grounds, That she is His sister, they have the same Father, God, but different mothers—that she is His love—that she is His dove, a pet name—that she is His undefiled—that His head was wet with the dampness of the night—that He had removed His coat and washed His feet—that He tried to waken her by rattling the handle of the lock on the inside; she rose to open to Him, but myrrh from the handle of the lock was so sweet she forgot Him till the myrrh was gone; she finally opened, but He was gone; her soul failed when He spake; her heart was not right; she sought Him, but could not find Him; she called, but He gave her no answer; she was very sick after that; we are living in the Laodicean age of the Church; she is sleeping, being doped by riches, not the true riches; she is neither cold nor hot; Jesus is on the outside, crowded out by worldliness in the Church; let us hope that the Church does not sleep till Jesus walks away never to return.

LESSON NO. 13

(Prophecies concerning Christ)

(1) **Christ Was to Save a Very Small Remnant of the Jews.**

Prophecy: "Except the Lord of hosts had left us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah" (Isa. 1:9).

Fulfillment: "And as Isaiah said before, Except the Lord of Sabaoth had left us a seed, we had been as Sodom, and been made like unto Gomorrah" (Rom. 9:29).

Note: Paul bore testimony to the fact that Isaiah's prophecy had been fulfilled literally in his day; God always saves a remnant; only a few of the many will enter eternal life (Matt. 7:13, 14).

(2) **Christ Was to Provide Means by Which Scarlet Sins Could be Made White.**

Prophecy: "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isa. 1:18).

Fulfillment: "These are they that came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Rev. 7:14).

Note: Such pardon was never offered in Old Testament times; it came to us through Christ; a blood-washing is all sufficient to make scarlet sins as white as snow.

(3) **Christ Was to Make Wicked Jerusalem to Become "The City of Righteousness."**

Prophecy: "And I will turn My hand upon thee

(Jerusalem), and purely purge away thy dross, and take away all thy tin: and I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, The City of Righteousness, the faithful city. Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness" (Isa. 1:25-27).

Fulfillment: "Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem" (Luke 24:46, 47).

Note. The New Testament Church began at Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-47); it was in Jerusalem that the gospel of the crucified, buried, and risen Lord was preached first; it was at Jerusalem that general remission of sins was preached to those who would obey the gospel; all of these things fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy that Jerusalem would become "The City of Righteousness."

(4) **Christ's Mountain-Church Was to be Established in the Top of a Mountain.**

Prophecy: "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the Mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem" (Isa. 2:2, 3).

Fulfillment: "But ye are come unto mount Sion (here

is the Mountain mentioned by Isaiah), and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the General Assembly and Church of the Firstborn" (Heb. 12:22, 23).

Note: "Mount Sion", a Spiritual Mountain, is here called the Church of the Firstborn; it was to start in Jerusalem, and it did; the Church is a high Institution; one has to rise from the beggarly elements to reach the Church; it is a mountain on a mountain.

(5) **People Were to Be Invited to Walk in the Light of Christ.**

Prophecy: "O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord" (Isa. 2:5).

Fulfillment: "For ye were sometime darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light" (Eph. 5:8).

Note: Christ is the Light of the world; Christians are also the light of the world; we should walk as children of light.

(6) **In the Day of Christ's Wrath the Wicked Were to Hide Among Rocks.**

Prophecy: "In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats; to go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of His majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth" (Isa. 2:20, 21).

Fulfillment: "And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man,

hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him That sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: for the great day of His wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand" (Rev. 6:15-17).

Note: This all took place under the opening of the sixth seal; it is not the judgment day, as many think; we are living in the third epoch of the seventh Seal; those terrible commotions took place in the reformation days when sinners were being dealt death-blows; a part is yet to come when God avenges the blood of martyrs, which is in part going on now.

(7) **Christ Was to Give to Humanity the Great "Tabernacle-Church" for Protection.**

Prophecy: "And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and rain" (Isa. 4:6).

Fulfillment: "I am the Door: by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture" (Jno. 10:9).

Note: Christ was speaking of the Church-fold, the tabernacle of prophecy; in this fold His people are saved from sin-heat, sin-storm, and the rain of troubles; no one is safe on the outside of the Church-fold.

(8) **Christ's Birth Was to be a Miracle.**

Prophecy: "Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel" (Isa. 7:14). "Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? For He shall grow up before Him

as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground" (Isa. 53:1, 2).

Fulfillment: "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as His mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with Child of the Holy Spirit" (Matt. 1:18). "Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with Child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us" (Matt. 1:22, 23).

Note: It was a miracle for a virgin, an unmarried woman, to bear a Son; if she had committed fornication to bring forth a son, she would not be a "virgin"; Christ was to be as a "root out of dry ground", another miracle, as roots do not grow without moisture; this miraculous birth of Christ was to be a "SIGN"; we should accept the "SIGN" with the faith of a child, and follow Christ all the way home and to God.

(9) **Both Judah and Israel Were to be Kingless Before the Coming of Christ.**

Prophecy: "For before the Child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of both her kings" (Isa. 7:16).

Fulfillment: "In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria, and placed them in Halah and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes" (2 Kings 17:6). "Therefore the Lord was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of His sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only" (2 Kings 17:18). "And he

carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon, and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his officers, and the mighty of the land, those carried he into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon" (2 Kings 24:15).

Note: Thus we have it that Israel, which consisted of the ten tribes, went into Assyrian captivity, and then the kingdom of Judah, made up of Judah and Benjamin, went into Babylonian captivity one hundred and thirty years later. From that day forth Israel nor Judah had any kings till the birth of Christ, and they had the opportunity to make Him their spiritual King; during the time from the captivities mentioned till Christ was born "Governors" ruled over the Jews (Neh. 12:26; Zech. 12:5, 6).

(10) **Christ's People Were not to Federate with Others, But Were to be Separate, and Fear only Him.**

Prophecy: "Say ye not, A confederacy, to all them to whom this people shall say, A confederacy; neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid" (Isa. 8:12).

Fulfillment: "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? and what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? and what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons

and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty" (2 Cor. 6: 14-18).

Note: God's people have always suffered when they "Federated" with other people; such sent the Jews into bondage; the Church is suffering now from associating with the wicked; God wants a clean house.

LESSON NO. 14

(Prophecies concerning Christ)

(1) Christ's People Were to Sanctify Him, and Let Him Be Their Fear and Dread.

Prophecy: "Sanctify the Lord of hosts Himself; and let Him be your fear, and let Him be your dread" (Isa. 8:13).

Fulfillment: "Fear not them who kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear Him Who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matt. 10:28). "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts" (1 Peter 3:15).

Note: We sanctify Christ when we set Him apart as the Object of our worship, and when we obey His commands; Christ sanctifies us when He sets us apart as the objects of His love; therefore, the whole Christ-family is sanctified.

(2) Christ Was to be a Stone of Stumbling to Some.

Prophecy: "And He shall be for a Sanctuary; but for a Stone of stumbling and for a Rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a Gin and for a Snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem" (Isa. 8:14).

Fulfillment: "Unto you therefore who believe He is precious: but unto them who be disobedient, the Stone Which the builders disallowed, the same is made the Head of the corner, and a Stone of stumbling, and a Rock of offence, even to them who stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed" (1 Peter 2:7, 8).

Note: Many from disbelief and disobedience have stumbled over Christ, and fallen to their everlasting undoing; we stumble over and by many temptations, and fall; it is worse when we stumble over Christ, our best Friend, and never rise again.

(3) **Christ's Followers at First Were to be Called Disciples.**

Prophecy: "Bind up the testimony, seal the law among My disciples" (Isa. 8:16).

Fulfillment: "And when he had found him, be brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch" (Acts 11:26).

Note: Disciple means a learner or a follower; after both Jews and Gentiles were allowed to hear the gospel, and accept Christ, they were made into a oneness under the name "Christian", which means belonging to Christ; Christian is not the name of the New Testament Church—it is the name of the members of the Church; the New Testament Church is called "THE CHURCH", and is then called by ninety-nine other names, which explain what "THE CHURCH" means; the universal name for members of "THE CHURCH" is Christian, and then in the New Testament are found one hundred and fifty-five other names of church members, explaining fully what it means to be "CHRISTIANS."

(4) **Christ, and His Followers Were to Perform Miracles Awhile.**

Prophecy: "Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given Me are for signs and wonders in Israel

from the Lord of hosts, Who dwelleth in mount Zion" (Isa. 8:18).

Fulfillment: "Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by Him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know" (Acts 2:22). "Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds" (2 Cor. 12:12).

Note: God's people, including Christ, were to show marvelous things as long a time as Israel was getting out of Egypt and into the promised land (Micah 7:15); Isaiah said they would perform miracles, and they did; the Bible is Inspired.

(5) God Was to Give to Christ His First Followers, the Apostles.

Prophecy: "Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given Me are for signs and wonders in Israel from the Lord of hosts, Who dwelleth in mount Zion" (Isa. 8:18).

Fulfillment: "My Father, Who gave them Me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of My Father's hand" (Jno. 10:29). "I have manifested Thy name unto the men whom Thou gavest me out of the world: Thine they were, and Thou gavest them Me; and they have kept Thy word" (Jno. 17:6). "While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Thy name: those that Thou gavest Me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the Scripture might be fulfilled" (Jno. 17:12). "And again, I will put My trust

in Him. And again, Behold I and the children whom God hath given Me" (Heb. 2:13).

Note: Even before the foundation of the world certain men were ordained to be apostles, were given to Christ for that purpose, but were not ordained to eternal life (Eph. 1:1-12); Christ had a purpose to accomplish, and the right men were given Him of the Father to accomplish that purpose.

(6) **Christ as a Light Was to Drive Away Death-shadows.**

Prophecy: "The people that walk in darkness have seen a great Light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the Light shined" (Isa. 9:2).

Fulfillment: "The people who sat in darkness saw a great Light; and to them who sat in the region and shadow of death Light is sprung up" (Matt. 4:16).

Note: Christ turns death-shadows to light everywhere He goes; if we love death, we should reject Christ; if our deeds are evil, we will reject the Light—Christ.

(7) **Christ as a Rod and Branch Was to Come Out of Jesse.**

Prophecy: "And there shall come forth a Rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots" (Isa. 11:1).

Fulfillment: "And when He had removed him, He raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also He gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after Mine own heart, who shall fulfill all My will. Of this man's seed hath God according to His

promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus" (Acts 13: 22, 23).

Note: David was the son of Jesse; Jesus, therefore came, according to the flesh, both from David and Jesse; Isaiah was right; the Bible is Inspired.

(8) **Christ Was to be an "Ensign" that Would be Sought by the Gentiles.**

Prophecy: "And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, That shall stand for an Ensign of the people; to It shall the Gentiles seek: and His rest shall be glorious" (Isa. 11:10).

Fulfillment: "And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with His people. And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud Him, all ye people. And again, Isaiah saith, There shall be a Root of Jesse, and He that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in Him shall the Gentiles trust" (Rom. 15:10-12).

Note: Only inspiration from God helped a Jewish prophet, as Isaiah was, to see that Christ would accept Gentile followers, and reign over them, be their "Ensign"; the Bible is from God.

(9) **Christ Was to Furnish Wells of Salvation.**

Prophecy: "Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation" (Isa. 12:3).

Fulfillment: "If thou knewest the Gift of God, and Who It is That saith to thee, Give Me to drink; thou wouldst have asked of Him, and He would have given thee living water" (Jno. 4:10). "He that believeth on Me, as the Scripture hath said, Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake He of the Spirit, Whom they that believe on Him should receive: for the Holy

Spirit was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)" (Jno. 7:38, 39).

Note: Here we learn that Christ is one of the Wells of Salvation; The Holy Spirit is another Well of Salvation; there are other Wells of Salvation, such as God and the Bible.

(10) **Christ Was to be Poor, the "Firstborn of the Poor."**

Prophecy: "The Firstborn of the poor shall feed, and the needy shall lie down in safety" (Isa. 14:30) .

Fulfillment: "Jesus said unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head" (Matt. 8:20). "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich" (2 Cor. 8:9).

Note: In some places the standard of a real man is his wealth; according to that standard Jesus would be found wanting; Jesus was poor; He makes many rich.

LESSON NO. 15

(Prophecies concerning Christ)

(1) **Christ Was to Come as a Lamb to Zion.**

Prophecy: "Send ye the Lamb to the ruler of the land from Sela to the wilderness, unto the mount of the daughter of Zion" (Isa. 16:1).

Fulfillment: "The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto Him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, Who taketh away the sin of the world" (Jno. 1:29). "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship Him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (Rev. 13:8).

Note: Christ is the slain Lamb; Isaiah saw Him as a Lamb in the Church; He came as such; the Bible is from heaven.

(2) **Christ Was to Have the Key to the House of David.**

Prophecy: "And the key of the house of David will I lay upon His shoulder; so He shall open, and none shall shut; and He shall shut, and none shall open" (Isa. 22: 22).

Fulfillment: "And to the angel of the Church in Philadelphia write: These things saith He That is holy, He That is true, He That hath the key of David, He That openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth" (Rev. 3:7).

Note: Isaiah saw that Christ would have the key to the house of David; John saw that it had come to pass; who can deny the Inspiration of the Bible?

(3) **Christ Was to Destroy the Vail That Covered the Truth, that Spread over the Nations.**

Prophecy: "And He will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the vail that is spread over all nations" (Isa. 25:7).

Fulfillment: "But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart. Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away" (2 Cor. 3:15, 16).

Note: It is by the aid of the New Testament that we can understand the Old Testament; faith in Christ removes the vail just as Isaiah said it would; think what a wonderful Book the Bible is.

(4) **Christ Was to Swallow up Death in Victory.**

Prophecy: "He will swallow up death in victory" (Isa. 25:8).

Fulfillment: "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, Who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:54-57).

Note: "And delivered them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage" (Heb. 2:15); under the Old Testament people feared death, thinking it marked the end of their existence; Jesus freed the world of that fear; He has swallowed up death in victory, as was prophesied.

(5) **Christ Was to Wipe Away All Tears.**

Prophecy: "And the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces" (Isa. 25:8).

Fulfillment: "That ye sorrow not, even as others who

have no hope" (1 Thes. 4:13). "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes" (Rev. 21:4).

Note: Christ has already relieved His people of many tears, and the time will come when there will be none at all; there is no lasting happiness out of Christ; in Him we rejoice (Phil. 4:4).

(6) **Salvation Was to be the Walls and Bulwarks of Christ's Church.**

Prophecy: "In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks" (Isa. 26:1).

Fulfillment: "And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of Israel" (Rev. 21:12). "And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb" (Rev. 21:14).

Note: With the twelve tribes of Israel that gave Christ to the world, and the twelve apostles that preached Christ to humanity, connected with the great wall around the Church-City, we can see how it represents salvation—is salvation—just as the prophet said; with the Salvation-wall around us, there is complete safety in Christ.

(7) **There Were to be Gates through which the Righteous Nation Keeping the Truth Might Enter the Church-City.**

Prophecy: "Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation that keepeth the truth may enter in" (Isa. 26:2).

Fulfillment: "On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates" (Rev. 21:13). "And the nation of them who

are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honor into it" (Rev. 21:24).

Note: The Church-City has gates, as the prophet said; the righteous nation guards the truth; people are entering the City as fast as they become saved.

(8) **Christ Was to Keep in Perfect Peace Those Trusting Him.**

Prophecy: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee" (Isa. 26:3).

Fulfillment: "And the peace of God, Which passeth understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:7).

Note: Our destiny is not entirely in our own hands; we would fail, if it were left entirely with us; Christ is keeping in perfect peace His own.

(9) **Christ Was to Give Everlasting Strength, All Sufficient Strength.**

Prophecy: "Trust ye in the Lord forever: for in the Lord JEHOVAH is everlasting strength" (Isa. 26:4).

Fulfillment: "I can do all things through Christ Who strengtheneth me" (Phil. 4:13).

Note: Living the Christian life is not the job of one; each one without help would fail; Christ gives all needed help; there is no excuse for a failure.

(10) **Under the Judgments of Christ People Were to Learn Righteousness.**

Prophecy: "When Thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness" (Isa. 26:9).

Fulfillment: "For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth" (Rom. 10:4).

Note: The law of Moses had carnal commandments (Heb. 7:16); righteousness did not come by the law of Moses (Gal. 2:21); righteousness came through Jesus Christ (Rom. 5:21).

LESSON NO. 16

(Prophecies concerning Christ)

(1) The Jews for Rejecting Christ Were to be Put to Sleep.

Prophecy: "For the Lord hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes; the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath He covered" (Isa. 29:10).

Fulfillment: "According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear" (Rom. 11:8).

Note: We can see this condition of sleeping Jews before our own eyes; Paul said it was fulfilled in his day; it so remains in our time; the Bible is different from other books—it is Inspired.

(2) The Jews Were to Honor Christ with Their Lips When Their Hearts Were Far from Him.

Prophecy: "Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near Me with their mouth, and with their lips do honor Me, but have removed their heart far from Me, and their fear toward Me is taught by the precept of men" (Isa. 29:13).

Fulfillment: "Ye hypocrites, well did Isaiah prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto Me with their mouth, and honoreth Me with their lips; but their heart is far from Me" (Matt. 15:7, 8).

Note: False hearts lay back of flattering lips in the time of Christ; He is treated the same way yet; insincerity

is so general; we should give Him Heart-praise and service.

(3) **Christ Was to Destroy the Wisdom of the Wise.**

Prophecy: "For the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid" (Isa. 29:14).

Fulfillment: "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us who are saved it is the power of God. For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world" (1 Cor. 1:18-20)?

Note: Notwithstanding the world thought she was so wise before the coming of Christ, the world by her own wisdom knew not God (1 Cor. 1:21); the foolishness of God is wiser than men (1 Cor. 1:25); God did not call many wise men after the flesh (1 Cor. 1:26); God confounds the worldly wise by foolish things (1 Cor. 1:27); the world-princes knew not the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 2:7, 8); we must become fools in order to have the true wisdom (1 Cor. 3:18); the wisdom of the wise is destroyed, as the prophet said—the Bible is Inspired.

(4) **Christ Was to Make the Deaf to Hear.**

Prophecy: "And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the Book" (Isa. 29:18).

Fulfillment: "Go and show John again those things which ye do hear and see: The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel

preached to them" (Matt. 11:4, 5). "And straightway his ears were open" (Mark 7:35).

Note: Isaiah said the deaf would hear; Christ opened their ears: what shall we say about the Bible, therefore? Is it from God or from man? Heaven is waiting your answer.

(5) **The Meek Were to Be Blessed by Christ.**

Prophecy: "The meek also shall increase their joy in the Lord" (Isa. 29:19).

Fulfillment: "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth" (Matt. 5:5).

Note: Moses was the meekest man on earth (Num. 12:3); Christ blesses the meek; the meek shall inherit the earth; it pays to be meek under Christ.

(6) **The Poor Were to Rejoice in Christ.**

Prophecy: "The poor among them shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel" (Isa. 29:19).

Fulfillment: "The poor have the gospel preached to them" (Matt. 11:5). "Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which He hath promised to them that love Him" (Jas. 2:5)?

Note: Christ is the real Friend to the poor; He preached to them; they are, generally, rich in faith, and such are "heirs of the kingdom"; others care nothing about the poor.

(7) **Christ Was to Furnish His People Teachers.**

Prophecy: "And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction, yet shall not thy

teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers" (Isa. 30:20).

Fulfillment: "And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers" (Eph. 4:11).

Note: The teachers that Christ was to give His people were not to be cornered off as amounting to nothing; they were to stand forth in the eyes of the world as leading lights; it has literally come to pass; His ministers carry elections; they effect great reforms; when they speak, the whole world listens.

(8) **Christ Was to Reign as King in Righteousness.**

Prophecy: "Behold, a King shall reign in righteousness" (Isa. 32:1).

Fulfillment: "Pilate therefore said unto Him, Art Thou a King then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a King. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth My voice" (Jno. 18: 37). "And He hath on His vesture and on His thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS" (Rev. 19:16).

Note: Thank God that Jesus is King; all Christians belong to the royal family; we must not disgrace by wicked living the great family name.

(9) **Christ Was to Have Ruling Princes—Apostles.**

Prophecy: "Behold, a King shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment" (Isa. 32:1).

Fulfillment: "And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye who have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of His

glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel" (Matt. 19:28).

Note: In Acts 15:1-31; 16:4 you will find these apostles ruling in the Church just as Isaiah and Jesus said they would; their decisions recorded in the New Testament will ever be final authority for the Church till the very judgment day.

(10) **Christ's Followers Were to Hide in Him.**

Prophecy: "And a Man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a Covert from the tempest" (Isa. 32:2).

Fulfillment: "For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God" (Col. 3:3).

Note: How did Isaiah know that One would come into this world, Who would be a hiding Place for the just? The Bible is Inspired.

LESSON NO. 17

(Prophecies concerning Christ)

(1) Christ Was to be As a Great Rock in a Weary Land.

Prophecy: "And a Man shall be as an hiding Place from the wind, and a Covert from the tempest; as Rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great Rock in a weary land" (Isa. 32:2).

Fulfillment: "Upon this Rock (Christ's Deity that Peter confessed) I will build My Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:18). "They drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ" (1 Cor. 10:4). "For consider Him That endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds" (Heb. 12:3).

Note: Christ truly is our "Rock in a weary land"; when weary we obtain rest on this Rock; we have so often to lean upon, and rest upon the heart-love of Christ; He keeps us from fainting in the "weary land."

(2) The Holy Spirit Was to be Poured upon God's People in the Time of Christ.

Prophecy: "Until the Spirit be poured upon us from on high" (Isa. 32:15). "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh" (Joel 2:28).

Fulfillment: "And they were filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:4). "And we are His witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy

Spirit, Whom God hath given to them that obey Him" (Acts 5:32).

Note: The prophets said The Holy Spirit would be poured upon all God's people; the New Testament shows God began to pour Him upon the early Church; He ever will give the Holy Spirit to them that love Christ.

(3) **Christ Was to Give His People Sure Dwellings Where They Would Have Peace and Rest.**

Prophecy: "And My people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places" (Isa. 32:18).

Fulfillment: "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of Mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, who built his house upon a rock: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock" (Matt. 7:24, 25). "He that eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, dwelleth in Me, and I in him" (Jno. 6:56).

Note: Christians live in houses built upon the Rock of Ages—they never fall—they are "sure dwellings", as the prophet said; also, Christians live in Christ, and a more "sure Dwelling" is not possible; Christians dwell in heavenly places—"sure dwellings" again (Eph. 1:3; 2:6; 3:10); Christians live in such "sure dwellings" that they fear none of the storms of life.

(4) **Christ's People Were not to be Fierce.**

Prophecy: "Thou shalt not see a fierce people" (Isa. 33:19).

Fulfillment: "If I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you"

(Jno. 16:7). "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts" (Gal. 5:22-24).

Note: Christ gives His people the Holy Spirit; the Holy Spirit in the life produces love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance, which take all the "fierceness" out of them, just as Isaiah said; it is literally fulfilled in every one that lives the teachings of Christ; the Bible was not written by uninspired men.

(5) **Christ, and His People Were to be Simple in Their Teaching.**

Prophecy: "Thou shalt not see a fierce people, a people of a deeper speech than thou canst perceive; of a stammering tongue, that thou canst not understand" (Isa. 33:19). "And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein" (Isa. 35:8).

Fulfillment: "But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtility, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ" (2 Cor. 11:3).

Note: Mark the force of the expression, "The simplicity that is in Christ"; Paul preached not with excellency of speech—just preached Christ (1 Cor. 2:1, 2); the gospel is the simplest teaching on earth, and some stumble over its simplicity.

(6) Christ Was to be to His People Broad Rivers and Streams, Such as Boats Never Traverse.

Prophecy: "But there the glorious Lord will be unto us a place of broad rivers and streams; wherein shall go no galley with oars, neither shall gallant ship pass thereby" (Isa. 33:21).

Fulfillment: "He that believeth on Me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water" (Jno. 7:38). "And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb" (Rev. 22:1).

Note: Boats do not ply up and down the River of Life flowing through the Church of our Lord, neither do they pass over the "heart-rivers" flowing out of the soul; the "Holy Spirit-Rivers" that rise up out of the inner man were seen by Isaiah; he had to be Inspired.

(7) Christ Was to be Judge, Lawgiver, King, and Saviour.

Prophecy: "For the Lord is our Judge, the Lord is our Lawgiver, the Lord is our King; He will save us" (Isa. 33:22).

Fulfillment: "For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son" (Jno. 5:22). "Until the day in which He was taken up, after that He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments unto the apostles whom He had chosen" (Acts 1:2). "He hath on His vesture and on His thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS" (Rev. 19:16). "He shall save His people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21).

Note: In Jno. 5:22 we found Jesus Judge; in Acts 1:2 we found Him a Lawgiver; in Rev. 19:16 we found Him

King; in Matt. 1:21 we found Him a Saviour, all the four things that Isaiah said He would be; how did the prophet know all these things? He was inspired.

(8) **Christ Was to Make the Lame to Walk.**

Prophecy: "Then shall the lame man leap as an hart" (Isa. 35:6).

Fulfillment: "And the lame walk" (Matt. 11:5).

Note: Isaiah said the lame would walk; Jesus said they did; how did Isaiah know? You answer.

(9) **Christ Was to Make the Dumb to Speak.**

Prophecy: "And the tongue of the dumb sing" (Isa. 35:6).

Fulfillment: "As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a dumb man possessed with a devil. And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marveled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel" (Matt. 9:32, 33).

Note: How did Isaiah know Jesus would make the dumb to speak? It had never been done in Israel; if all this was of man, the prophet never would have told of any one who would make the dumb to speak, as he would have known that time would prove him a liar; the Bible is Inspired.

(10) **One Crying in the Wilderness Was to Prepare the Way for Christ.**

Prophecy: "The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God" (Isa. 40:3).

Fulfillment: "In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, and saying, Re-

pent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight" (Matt. 3:1-3).

Note: Nothing could have been fulfilled more nearly to the letter than was Isaiah's prophecy concerning John's ministry in preparation for Christ; what kind of a mind do you say was back of such?

LESSON NO. 18

(Prophecies concerning Christ)

(1) Christ Was to Come During the Time of Preparation in the Wilderness—the Ministry of John the Baptist.

Prophecy: "The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it" (Isa. 40:3-5).

Fulfillment: "And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan" (Mark 1:9).

Note: Since John baptized Christ, we know that Jesus came in his day; how did Isaiah know that Jesus would come during John's ministry? He was Inspired; so is the Bible.

(2) The Word of Christ Was to Stand Forever.

Prophecy: "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand forever" (Isa. 40:8).

Fulfillment: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away" (Matt. 24:35).

Note: His word has passed through many and all kinds of fires, and it yet remains, just as He said, and so will it on and on forever; the Bible is an unfailing Book; do not be afraid to believe its every word—it is from God.

(3) **Christ Was to Have the Gospel Preached from Jerusalem, and from the Church—Zion.**

Prophecy: "O Zion, that bringest good tidings (gospel), get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings (gospel), lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God" (Isa. 40:9).

Fulfillment: "Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem" (Luke 24:46, 47).

Note: Read all of the second chapter of Acts, and you will find this fulfilled—the gospel preached in Jerusalem; according to Isaiah, the gospel that was to be preached at Jerusalem, and from the Zion-Church, was to be concerning the GOD-CHRIST; it was to be "good tidings"—gospel—about Jesus, given to the world by the tribe of Judah; it all came to pass literally; the Bible is Inspired.

(4) **Christ Was to be a Shepherd, and Have a Flock.**

Prophecy: "He shall feed His flock like a Shepherd: He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young" (Isa. 40:11).

Fulfillment: "Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the Door of the sheep. All that ever came before Me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. I am the Door: by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might

have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good Shepherd: the good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good Shepherd, and know My sheep, and am known of Mine. As the Father knoweth Me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have (Gentiles), which are not of this fold (Jewish fold): them also I must bring, and they shall hear My voice; and there shall be one fold (New Testament Church), and one Shepherd" (Jno. 10:7-16).

Note: According to Isaiah, Jesus was to feed His sheep, gather weak ones with His arms, carry them in His bosom, gently lead those with young, and from the lips of Jesus we find that He is all that the prophet said He would be; Isaiah was inspired, so is the Bible.

(5) **Christ Was to Rule over Kings.**

Prophecy: "Who raised up the Righteous Man from the East, called Him to His foot, gave the nations before Him, and made Him rule over kings" (Isa. 41:2)?

Fulfillment: "And from Jesus Christ, Who is the faithful Witness, and the First Begotten of the dead, and the Prince of the kings of the earth" (Rev. 1:5).

Note: The kings over whom Christ here reigns are members of His Church (Rev. 1:6); as political kings become Christians, they will come under the reign of the King-Christ.

(6) **Christ Was to be the First and the Last.**

Prophecy: "I the Lord, the First, and with the last; I am He" (Isa. 41:4).

Fulfillment: "I am Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last" (Rev. 22:13).

Note: Isaiah could not have referred to any man that was first and last — it is Jesus; the prophecy is fulfilled literally; what shall we do with the Bible? Believe it with the faith of children.

(7) **Christ Was to be a Servant.**

Prophecy: "Behold, My Servant, Whom I uphold" (Isa. 42:1).

Fulfillment: "Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many" (Matt. 20:28). "Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when He cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that He shall gird Himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them" (Luke 12:37).

Note: Jesus served in this world; He has promised to serve His people in the next life; Isaiah knew what he was talking about when he said Jesus would be a Servant.

(8) **Christ Was to be an Elect, One Foreordained.**

Prophecy: "Behold My Servant, Whom I uphold; Mine Elect, in Whom My soul delighteth" (Isa. 42:1).

Fulfillment: "For Whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brethren" (Rom. 8:29).

Note: It was only by direct inspiration from God that

Isaiah knew that Jesus would be an "Elect", One predestinated to be the "Firstborn", as Paul expressed it; this is a great Bible.

(9) **God Was to Delight in Christ.**

Prophecy: "Mine Elect, in Whom My soul delighteth" (Isa. 42:1).

Fulfillment: "This is My Beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased" (Matt. 3:17).

Note: It was again by Inspiration that Isaiah knew how pleasing Christ would be to God; it is strange that Christ is not pleasing to all people; they simply do not know Him.

(10) **God Was to Put His Spirit upon Christ.**

Prophecy: "I have put My Spirit upon Him" (Isa. 42:1).

Fulfillment: "And Jesus when He was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a Dove, and lighting upon Him" (Matt. 3:16).

Note: This was a strange event, one that could not have been imagined by the uninspired; we shall soon think that the prophets left nothing untold concerning the life and ministry of Jesus; we have a great Bible.

LESSON NO. 19

(Prophecies concerning Christ)

(1) Christ Was Not to be a Street-Preacher.

Prophecy: "He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause His voice to be heard in the street" (Isa. 42:2).

Fulfillment: "When Jesus knew it, He withdrew Himself from thence: and great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them all; and charged them that they should not make Him known: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, Behold My Servant, Whom I have chosen; My Beloved, in Whom My Soul is well pleased: I will put My Spirit upon Him, and He shall show judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear His voice in the streets" (Matt. 12:15-19).

Note: Street-preaching was not in the program of Christ; it belittles His cause to-day; people should assemble in quiet places to hear the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ.

(2) Christ Was to be too Harmless to Break a Bruised Reed, or to Quench Smoking Flax.

Prophecy: "A bruised reed shall He not break, and the smoking flax shall He not quench" (Isa. 42:3).

Fulfillment: "That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, Behold My Servant, Whom I have chosen; My Beloved, in Whom My soul is well pleased: I will put My Spirit upon Him, and He shall show judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear His voice in the streets.

A bruised reed shall He not break, and smoking flax shall He not quench, till He send forth judgment unto victory" (Matt. 12:17-20).

Note: It would be great if all members of the Church would get some of the harmless Spirit of Christ, and not seek to damage others.

(3) **Christ Was to be a Covenant.**

Prophecy: "I the Lord have called Thee in righteousness, and will hold Thine hand, and will keep Thee, and give Thee for a Covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; to open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house" (Isa. 42:6, 7). "Thus saith the Lord, in an acceptable time have I heard Thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped Thee and I will preserve Thee, and give Thee for a Covenant of the people, to establish the earth (raise up the earth), to cause to inherit the desolate heritages; that Thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth; to them that are in darkness, Show yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures shall be in all high places. They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for He that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall He guide them. And I will make all My mountains a way, and My highways shall be exalted" (Isa. 49:8-11).

Fulfillment: "That in the dispensation of the fulness of times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him" (Eph. 1:10). "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of Whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named" (Eph. 3:14, 15). "But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes

were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For He is our Peace, Who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us" (Eph. 2:13, 14). "That He might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby" (Eph. 2:16).

Note: "COVENANT" means "THE JOINING TOGETHER TWO BY AN AGREEMENT;" Christ is such a Covenant; He came to join together Jew and Gentile—He is their Covenant, their Agreement; then His larger work as a COVENANT is TO JOIN THIS WORLD TO GOD, by reconciling the world to God; Christ takes those in heaven and all Christians on earth, and makes ONE FAMILY of them, the family of the two worlds wearing His name (Eph. 3:15, 16); in order to be the COVENANT or AGREEMENT between those of two worlds—heaven and earth—He does the following, according to prophecy: He is a Light—He opens blind eyes—liberates sin-prisoners—He establishes the earth, raiseth it up all the way to heaven—He feeds His people—He gives them pastures in high places—He prevents too much heat—He mercifully leads them by springs of water—and gives them a Mountainous Way to heaven.

(4) **Christ Was to Declare New Things.**

Prophecy: "Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them" (Isa. 42:9).

Fulfillment: "And they were all amazed, and they glorified God, and were filled with fear, saying, We have seen strange things to-day" (Luke 5:26).

Note: The old order of things, the Jewish system, was

fulfilled in Christ, and He taught a new system of religion; old things were passed away, all things were become new (2 Cor. 5:17).

(5) Christ Was to be Blind by Not Seeing Wickedness, and Deaf by Not Hearing Wicked Reports.

Prophecy: "Who is blind, but My Servant? or deaf, as My Messenger That I sent? Who is blind as He That is Perfect, and blind as the Lord's Servant? Seeing many things, but Thou observest not; opening the ears, but He heareth not" (Isa. 42:19, 20).

Fulfillment: "And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto Him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst, they say unto Him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest Thou? This they said, tempting Him, that they might have to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down, and with His finger wrote on the ground, as though He heard them not. So when they continued asking Him, He lifted up Himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her. And again He stooped down, and wrote on the ground. And they who heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. When Jesus had lifted up Himself, and saw none but the woman, He said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more" (Jno. 8:3-11).

Note: Isaiah said Jesus would be blind and deaf, to sin and evil reports, of course; Jesus was deaf to the accusations brought against a sinful woman; only the sinless have a right to accuse others; there are none sinless, so we should have no accusations; Jesus was blind to her sins, dealt with her as He would the innocent, only sending her away to sin no more; O that so-called Christians were thus blind and deaf!

(6) **Christ's People Were to be Called by His Name.**

Prophecy: "I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring My sons from far, and My daughters from the ends of the earth; even every one that is called by My name" (Isa. 43:6, 7).

Fulfillment: "And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch" (Acts 11:26). "Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf" (1 Peter 4:16). "Do not they blaspheme that worthy name by the which ye are called" (Jas. 2:7)? "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

Note: The word Christian is a dual word—Christ-ian—and means "Belonging to Christ"; it is a great honor given us to wear Christ's name, and we should ever protect it with godly living.

(7) **Christ's Followers Were to be Creatures of His Own Creation, and for His Glory.**

Prophecy: "Every one that is called by My name: for

I have created him for My glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him" (Isa. 43:7).

Fulfillment: "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, Whom ye have of God, and ye are not your own? for ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's (1 Cor. 6:19, 20).

Note: We are creatures of His making; we are not our own; we should glorify Him in all things.

(8) **Christ's People Were to Witness for Him.**

Prophecy: "Ye are My witnesses, saith the Lord, and My Servant Whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe Me, and understand that I am He" (Isa. 43:10).

Fulfillment: "And we are His witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Spirit, Whom God hath given to them that obey Him" (Acts 5:32).

Note: Christians do not witness enough for Christ; we are to witness that others may hear of and believe Christ; we should witness for Christ by word and deed.

(9) **Some Jews Were to Accept Christ, and Others Were to Hold on to Jacob.**

Prophecy: "One shall say, I am the Lord's; and another shall call himself by the name of Jacob; and another shall subscribe with his hand unto the Lord, and surname himself by the name of Israel" (Isa. 44:5).

Fulfillment: "And the word of God increased; and the number of disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith" (Acts 6:7). "And certain men who came down form Judaea taught the brethren, and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be

saved" (Acts 15:1). "It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles" (Acts 13:46).

Note: Isaiah saw and described three classes among the Jews: first, those who would renounce the Jewish religion for Christianity; second, those that would not accept Christ at all; third, those that would accept Christ, and also hold on to the Jewish religion, and in the proofs given in the foregoing we have all three classes set forth in the New Testament — a literal fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy.

(10) **Christ Was to Offer Salvation to All Nations—It Was not to Be for One Only.**

Prophecy: "Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth" (Isa. 45:22).

Fulfillment: "And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:15,16).

Note: Under the Old Testament the Jews were God's people; under the New Testament any one, Jew or Gentile, may have salvation.

LESSON NO. 20

(Prophecies concerning Christ)

(1) Christ Was to Be Named Before He Was Born.

Prophecy: "The Lord hath called Me from the womb; from the bowels of My Mother hath He made mention of My name" (Isa. 49:1).

Fulfillment: "And she shall bring forth a Son, and thou shall call His name Jesus" (Matt. 1:21).

Note: How did Isaiah know that Jesus would be named before he was born? Only by Inspiration.

(2) Christ's Mouth Was to Be Made Like a Sharp Sword.

Prophecy: "And He hath made My mouth like a sharp sword" (Isa. 49:2).

Fulfillment: "And out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword" (Rev. 1:16).

Note: Isaiah was not guessing about that sword business; the twoedged sword from the mouth of Christ is the Bible—Old and New Testament (Heb. 4:12); we need to put more Bible into our mouths—make them more like twoedged swords.

(3) Christ Was to Have Two Sets of Followers, and Was to Lose One Set.

Prophecy: "The children whom Thou shalt have, after Thou hast lost the other, shall say again in Thine ears, the place is too strait for me: give place to Me that I may dwell. Then shalt Thou say in Thine heart, Who hath begotten Me these, seeing I have lost My children" (Isa. 49:20, 21). "Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I

will lift up Mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up My standard to the people: and they shall bring Thy sons in their arms, and Thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders" (Isa. 49:22).

Fulfillment: "And the apostles and brethren that were in Judaea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God" (Acts 11:1). "I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy" (Rom. 11:11).

Note: Jewish Christians were the first set of children that Christ had; the Gentile Christians are the second set of Christ's children; according to Isaiah, the second set of children were to outnumber the first set—they would ask for more room; how did Isaiah know there would be two brotherhoods of Christians—Jews and Gentiles, and that the first set would soon be no more? Only by Inspiration did he know these things.

(4) **Christ Was to Give His Back to the Smiters.**

Prophecy: "I gave My back to the smiters, and My checks to them that pluck off the hair" (Isa. 50:6).

Fulfillment: "Others smote Him with the palms of their hands" (Matt. 26:67). "And when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified" (Matt.27:26). "And the men that held Jesus mocked Him, and smote Him" (Luke 22:63). "And they smote Him with their hands" (Jno. 19:3).

Note: Nothing could have been fulfilled more literally; the prophet was not guessing.

(5) **They Were to Spit upon Christ.**

Prophecy: "I hid not My face from shame and spitting" (Isa. 50:6).

Fulfillment: "Then did they spit in His face" (Matt. 26:67). "And they spit upon Him" (Matt. 27:30).

Note: Our blood chills as we read of their spitting in His face; those unfaithful to Him now treat Him as cruelly; what are we doing with Jesus?

(6) **Christ Was to Set His Face as a Flint.**

Prophecy: "Therefore have I set My face like a flint" (Isa. 50:7).

Fulfillment: "And it came to pass, when the time was come that He was to be received up, He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem" (Luke 9:51).

Note: His "steadfastly setting His face," or "setting it like a flint," shows He was immovable in His purpose to go to Jerusalem and die for the world; it shows how Christ threw all the power of body, soul, and spirit into the accomplishing of His purpose of dying on the cross; it would be great, if we would throw all of our forces into serving Him.

(7) **Christ Was to Plant Heavens, and Lay Foundations of an Earth.**

Prophecy: "And I have put My words in Thy mouth, and I have covered Thee in the shadow of Mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art My people" (Isa. 51:16).

Fulfillment: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ" (Eph. 1:3). "And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in

heavenly places in Christ Jesus" (Eph. 2:6). "To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the Church the manifold wisdom of God" (Eph. 3:10). "Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things" (Heb. 8:5). "And have tasted of the heavenly Gift" (Heb. 6:4). "The heavenly Jerusalem" (Heb. 12:22).

Note: Most people plant hells; Christ planted heavens—"heavenly places"; His Church is called heaven many times; what are we planting? How did Isaiah know what Jesus would plant? The Bible is Inspired.

(8) **Christ's Watchmen-Apostles Were to See Him Face-to-Face While He Established His Church-Zion.**

Prophecy: "Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion" (Isa. 52:8).

Fulfillment: "And that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures: and that He was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: after that, He was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. After that, He was seen of James; then of all the apostles. And last of all He was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time" (1 Cor. 15:4-8).

Note: Those who bore testimony to the Deity of Christ were eye-witness of His majesty; these witnesses of Christ were "watchmen"; they lifted up their voice in preaching the truth; they sang His praise — they knew He is the Christ of God.

(9) **Christ Was to Sprinkle Many Nations.**

Prophecy: "So shall He sprinkle many nations" (Isa. 52:15).

Fulfillment: "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water" (Heb. 10:22).

Note: The only way to sprinkle the heart from an evil conscience is to quit evil, quit sin, which is a genuine case of repentance; Christ came to call sinners to repentance (Matt. 9:13); Heaven rejoices when sinners repent (Luke 15:7); hell is asking sinners to repent (Luke 16:30); it is time to repent, thus sprinkling the heart from an evil conscience.

(10) **Christ Was to Die for the Sins of Others.**

Prophecy: "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities" (Isa. 53:5).

Fulfillment: "Who His own Self bare our sins in His body on the tree" (1 Peter 2:24).

Note: Man could not pay his sin-debt; Jesus paid it for him; we cannot love Him enough.

LESSON NO. 21

(Prophecies concerning Christ)

(1) Christ Was to Be Silent While Being Abused.

Prophecy: "He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth: He is brought as a Lamb to the slaughter, and as a Sheep before her shearer is dumb, so He openeth not His mouth" (Isa. 53:7).

Fulfillment: "But Jesus held His peace" (Matt. 26:63). "And He answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marveled greatly" (Matt. 27:14). "And when He was accused of the chief priests and elders, He answered nothing" (Matt. 27:12). "But He held His peace, and answered nothing" (Mark 14:61). "But Jesus yet answered nothing" (Mark 15:5). "Who, when He was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered, He threatened not; but committed Himself to Him That judgeth righteously" (1 Peter 2:23).

Note: Could Isaiah have guessed such silence? Has any man ever maintained such silent composure? The Bible is Inspired.

(2) Christ Was to Be Buried in the Tomb of the Rich, of Another.

Prophecy: "And He made His grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death" (Isa. 53:9).

Fulfillment: "When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: he went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a

clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed" (Matt. 27:57-60).

Note: Christ was to be buried with the wicked—He was; He was to be buried in the tomb of another—He was; He was to be buried in the tomb of a rich man—He was; was Isaiah Inspired?

(3) **Christ Was to Justify Many.**

Prophecy: "By His knowledge shall My righteous Servant justify many" (Isa. 53:11).

Fulfillment: "Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of One the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life" (Rom. 5:18).

Note: It came just as the prophet said; the Bible is from God.

(4) **Christ Was to Have a Portion with the Great.**

Prophecy: "Therefore will I divide Him a portion with the great" (Isa. 53:12).

Filfullment: "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name" (Phil. 2:9).

Note: Christ had a portion with the world's great when He was buried in the rich man's tomb; He has a greater portion with the great in His heavenly exaltation.

(5) **Christ Was to Divide the Spoil with the Strong.**

Prophecy: "He shall divide the spoil with the strong" (Isa. 53:12).

Fulfillment: "Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments, and made four parts, to

every soldier a part; and also His coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be" (Jno. 19:23, 24).

Note: Think how naked the souls of the soldiers were that wore on their physical bodies the clothes of Jesus Christ; He did divide the spoil with those considered great; He now offers all the garments of righteousness.

(6) **Christ's Death Was to Be Voluntary.**

Prophecy: "He has poured out His soul unto death" (Isa 53:12).

Fulfillment: "Therefore doth My Father love Me, because I lay down My life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again" (Jno. 10:17, 18).

Note: His enemies thought they killed Him, so reported it; He gave His own life as a ransom; He died of a broken heart—not from the crucifixion (Psa. 22:14).

(7) **Christ Was to Die with Transgressors.**

Prophecy: "He was numbered with the transgressors" (Isa. 53:12).

Fulfillment: "There they crucified Him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left" (Luke 23:33).

Note: Isaiah saw that Jesus would be put to death with sinners; he saw there would be more than one die with Jesus; how did the prophet know? Is the Bible Inspired?

(8) **While Dying Christ Was to Pray for Transgressors.**

Prophecy: "And made intercession for transgressors" (Isa. 53:12).

Fulfillment: "Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34).

Note: It was a literal fulfillment of what the prophet said; was he guessing? Is the Bible from God? Do we pray for those who sin against us?

(9) **Christ Was to Be God's Witness to the People.**

Prophecy: "I have given Him for a Witness to the people" (Isa. 55:4).

Fulfillment: "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word (Christ), and the Holy Spirit: and these three are One. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood (of Christ): and these three agree in one" (1 Jno. 5:7, 8).

Note: Christ witnesseth for Christians; He witnesseth against sinners; we may make the witness what we desire.

(10) **Christ Was to Come When There Was No Real Man, and Show What It Is to be a MAN.**

Prophecy: "And He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no Intercessor: therefore His arm brought salvation unto him; and His righteousness, it sustained him" (Isa. 59:16).

Fulfillment: "And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening Spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is Spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is Spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second Man is the Lord from heaven" (1 Cor. 15:45-47).

Note: Isaiah said There would be no man on earth when

Jesus came; Paul said Adam was the first MAN, and Jesus was the second MAN; if Jesus was the second MAN, and Adam was the first MAN, then Jesus found no MAN on the earth when He came; how did the Prophet know? Who gave us the Bible? What is a man? Are we men? How may we become hundred per cent men? The Standard is in Christ —He shows us how; the gospel tells us how.

LESSON NO. 22

(Prophecies concerning Christ)

(1) Christ Was to Repay According to Our Deeds.

Prophecy: "According to their deeds, accordingly He will repay" (Isa. 59:18).

Fulfillment: "Who will render to every man according to his deeds" (Rom. 2:6).

Note: We reap what we sow (Gal. 6:7); we get what we work for.

(2) Christ Was to Bring up His People upon an Altar.

Prophecy: "They shall come up with acceptance on Mine altar, and I will glorify the house of My glory" (Isa.60:7).

Fulfillment: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Rom. 12:1).

Note: The literal meaning of the word "sanctuary", one of the names of the Church, is, "The Church built around the altar"; the prophet saw that Christians would be reared on the cross-altar; such makes them acceptable. How did the prophet know this? Is the Bible Inspired?

(3) Christ Was to Be Married to His People.

Prophecy: "For as a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall Thy sons marry Thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall Thy God rejoice over thee" (Isa. 62:5).

Fulfillment: "Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye

should be married to another, even to Him Who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God" (Rom. 7:4).

Note: We marry into Christ's family by obeying Him; it is one of the greatest earthly honors to be married to the Son of God; how did the prophet know such a relationship would exist?

(4) **Christ's Watchmen-Preachers Were Not to Keep Silent — They Were to Preach.**

Prophecy: "I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, who shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence" (Isa. 62:6).

Fulfillment: "Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word" (Acts 6:2-4).

Note: The preachers had no time to lose from preaching and praying; they took no fishing trips while Satan spoiled the flock; we have too much time to waste now, because we do not have the interest the early Christians had.

(5) **Christ Was to Wear Red Garments.**

Prophecy: "Wherefore art Thou red in Thine apparel, and Thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat" (Isa. 63:2)?

Fulfillment: "And He was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood" (Rev. 19:13).

Note: Christ went by the way of the cross; Isaiah saw His bloody clothes; how did the prophet see them?

(6) Christ Was to Give His People Things Never Heard of Before.

Prophecy: "For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside Thee, what He hath prepared for him that waiteth for Him" (Isa. 64:4).

Fulfillment: "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit" (1 Cor. 2:9, 10).

Note: We have in Christ what angels desired to look at; we have things greater than all the prophets saw; they foretold they would be greater, but were unable to fully explain them.

(7) Under Christ People Were to Be Deluded, if They Rejected Him.

Prophecy: "I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before Mine eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not" (Isa. 66:4).

Fulfillment: "And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they receive not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believe not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness" (2 Thes. 2:10-12).

Note: Wilfully rejecting the truth is unpardonable (Heb. 10:26); when a sinner knows the truth, knows about Christ, he better not wilfully reject Him.

(8) **Christ's People Were to Assemble Weekly to Worship Him.**

Prophecy: "From one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before Me, saith the Lord" (Isa. 66:23).

Fulfillment: "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight" (Acts 20:7).

Note: How did Isaiah know that Christ's followers would assemble weekly to worship Him? Whence came our Bible anyhow? Is it Inspired?

(9) **In the Time of Christ Rachel Was to Weep, and Refuse to be Comforted.**

Prophecy: "Thus saith the Lord; A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rachel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not" (Jer. 31:15).

Fulfillment: "Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not" (Matt. 2:16-18).

Note: Was that a literal fulfillment? How did Jeremiah know? Is the Bible from God or from man?

(10) Christ Was to Give a Heart-Covenant.

Prophecy: "But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put My law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be My people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, know the Lord: for they shall all know Me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more" (Jer. 31:33, 34).

Fulfillment: "For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. For finding fault with them, He saith, Behold the days come, saith the Lord,when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in My covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put My laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to Me a people: and they shall not teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know Me, from the least to the greatest. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more" (Heb. 8:7-12).

Note: This "Heart-Covenant" has come just as Jeremiah said; the religion of Jesus Christ is something carried around in the heart; "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation" (Luke 17:20); "The kingdom of God is within you" (Luke 17:21); no one can belong to the "Heart-Covenant Family" without his being a Christian; he cannot be a Christian and be ignorant of Christ; therefore, the "Heart-Covenant" people have to know Him before they exist as such.

LESSON NO. 23

(Prophecies concerning Christ)

(1) Christ Was to Be Surrounded by Thousands of Angels.

Prophecy: "A fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him: thousand thousands ministered unto Him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him" (Dan. 7:10).

Fulifllment: "And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the hearts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands" (Rev. 5:11).

Note: John saw the same number of angels around Christ that Daniel said would be around Him; how did Daniel know? What kind of a Bible have we, Inspired or uninspired?

(2) Christ Was to Rain Righteousness upon His People.

Prophecy: "For it is time to seek the Lord, till He come and rain righteousness upon you" (Hosea 10:12).

Fulfillment: "But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, Who of God is made unto us Wisdom, and Righteousness, and Sanctification, and Redemption" (1 Cor. 1:30).

Note: Those who have Christ in their lives live under the showers of Righteousness all the time; Salvation-Waters are rained upon them daily.

(3) God Was to Call Christ, His Son, Out of Egypt.

Prophecy: "When Israel was a Child, then I loved Him, and called My Son out of Egypt" (Hosea 11:1).

Fulfillment: "When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night, and departed into Egypt: and was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called My Son" (Matt. 2:14, 15). "And he arose, and took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Egypt" (Matt. 2:21).

Note: How did Hosea know that Christ would ever see Egypt, and be called out of it by the Lord? The Bible is not of man.

(4) **People Were to Call upon Christ, and Be Saved.**

Prophecy: "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call" (Joel 2:32).

Fulfillment: "For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Rom. 10:12, 13).

Note: Joel saw people calling upon Christ, and saw Christ delivering and saving them; Paul said it had come true; this is a great Bible.

(5) **The Sun Was to Go Down at Noon When Christ Was Crucified.**

Prophecy: "And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord God, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day" (Amos 8:9).

Fulfillment: "Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour" (Matt. 27:45). "And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour" (Luke 23:44).

Note: No uninspired man ever would have thought of darkness at noon; if Amos wanted to deceive people, he certainly would not have prophesied darkness at noon—he would have been proven a liar; God was in this; Amos did not lie; it came just as prophesied.

(6) **Christ Was to Have Saviours in His Church-Zion.**

Prophecy: "And Saviours shall come up on Mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the Lord's" (Obadiah 21).

Fulfillment: "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee" (1 Tim. 4:16). "Let him know, that he that converteth a sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins" (Jas. 5:20).

Note: Obadiah saw "saviours" in Christ's Zion-Church; Paul set forth Timothy as a "saviour"; James so names all people that save others from sin; "Esau" has become a synonym for "sin", hence, the expression, "Saviours were to judge the mount of Esau."

(7) **Christ Was to Be Born in Bethlehem.**

Prophecy: "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall He come forth unto Me That is to be Ruler in Israel; Whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting" (Micah 5:2).

Fulfillment: "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem" (Matt. 2:1).

Note: No uninspired man could have named the town where Jesus would be born; if he had been guessing, he would not have guessed that Christ would be born in one of the very small towns—he would have guessed Jerusalem to be the place; the Bible is Inspired.

(8) Christ Was to Have Seven Eyes.

Prophecy: "For behold the Stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one Stone shall be seven eyes; behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the Lord of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day" (Zech. 3:9).

Fulfillment: "And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as It had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth" (Rev. 5:6).

Note: Seven in the Bible denotes "completeness" or "perfection"; Christ's seven horns denote complete power; His seven eyes denote perfect vision—He sees everything; how did Zechariah know about these seven eyes? Is the Bible Inspired?

(9) Christ Was Not to Come as a Grown Person, but as a Child, and "Grow Up."

Prophecy: "And speak unto Him, saying, Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts saying, Behold the man Whose name is the BRANCH; and He shall grow up out of His place, and He shall build the temple of the Lord" (Zech. 6:12).

Fulfillment: "And the Child grew, and waxed strong in Spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon Him" (Luke 2:40). "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man" (Luke 2:52).

Note: Christ was "to grow up"; He was named the "BRANCH"; He was to build the "Temple of the Lord", the Church; He did (Matt. 16:18); is the Bible Inspired?

(10) **Those Afar Off Were to Come and Build in Christ's Temple-Church.**

Prophecy: "And they that are far off shall come and build in the temple of the Lord" (Zech. 6:15).

Fulfillment: "But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were afar off are made nigh by the blood of Christ" (Eph. 2:13). "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the Household of God" (Eph. 2:19).

Note: Nothing could be more literal; Jew and Gentile under Christ build together, and together enjoy all the fruitions of Christianity; the Bible is Inspired.

LESSON NO. 24

(Prophecies concerning Christ)

(1) The People Were to Know that God Sent Christ into the World.

Prophecy: "And ye shall know that the Lord of hosts hath sent Me unto you. And this shall come to pass, if ye will diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God" (Zech. 6:15).

Fulfillment: "I know Whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day" (2 Tim. 1:12). "If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of Myself" (Jno. 7:17).

Note: Zechariah said those that obey God would know Christ; that is what Jesus said; Paul knew Jesus; do we?

(2) Christ Was to Teach His People Goodwill Toward Each Other.

Prophecy: "These are the things that ye shall do; Speak ye every man the truth with his neighbor; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates: and let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbor; and love no false oath: for all these are things that I hate, saith the Lord" (Zech. 8:16, 17).

Fulfillment: "Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another" (Eph. 4:25).

Note: Such things should give us great faith in the Bible; it surely came from Inspiration.

(3) **Many Were to Seek Christ by Prayer, One's Urging Another.**

Prophecy: "And the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to pray before the Lord, and to seek the Lord of hosts: I will go also. Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the Lord" (Zech. 8:21, 22).

Fulfillment: "Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer" (Acts 3:1). "And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16). "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thes. 5:17). "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42).

Note: Prayer is one of the main things in Christianity; it was not so under the law of Moses; that law did not command people to pray as the gospel does.

(4) **Jesus Was to Ride Triumphantly into Jerusalem.**

Prophecy: "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: He is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass" (Zech. 9:9).

Fulfillment: "And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto Me. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straight-

way he will send them. All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, Tell ye the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass" (Matt. 21:1-5). "And when He was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is This" (Matt. 21:10)?

Note: Jesus rode into Jerusalem just as Zechariah said He would; how did he know? Who gave to us our Bible?

(5) **Christ Was to be Sold for Thirty Pieces of Silver.**

Prophecy: "And I said to them, If ye think good, give Me My price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for My price thirty pieces of silver" (Zech. 11:12).

Fulfillment: "And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver Him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver" (Matt. 26:15).

Note: Nothing could be more literal; the prophet was not guessing; what do you now think of our Bible? Is it Inspired?

(6) **The Money for Which Judas Sold Christ Was to Be Cast to the Potter.**

Prophecy: "And the Lord said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was priced at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the Lord" (Zech. 11:13).

Fulfillment: "And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself. And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood. And they took counsel,

and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day" (Matt. 27:5-8).

Note: Was that not a literal fulfillment? Was he Inspired? Is it not a marvelous Book?

(7) **There Was to Be Great Mourning When Christ Was Crucified.**

Prophecy: "And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of Grace and of Supplications: and they shall look upon Me Whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for Him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn. In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon. And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of Shimei apart, and their wives apart; all the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart" (Zech. 12:10-14).

Fulfillment: "And there followed Him a great company of people, and of women, who also bewailed and lamented Him" (Luke 23:27).

Note: A great company bewailed and lamented when Jesus was crucified, but all of that story cannot be told in words: how did the prophet know they would pierce Him, and thus weep for Him? Our Bible did come from above.

(8) **Christ as a Shepherd Was to be Smitten, and His Sheep Scattered.**

Prophecy: "Smite the Shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered" (Zech. 13:7).

Fulfillment: "Then said Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad" (Matt. 26:31). "Then all the disciples forsook Him, and fled" (Matt. 26:56).

Note: Could anything be fulfilled more literally than in this case? Was Zechariah guessing? If so, he was a great guesser.

(9) **After the Coming of Christ, There Was to Be One Lord.**

Prophecy: "And the Lord shall be King over all the earth: in that day there shall be one Lord, and His name one" (Zech. 14:9).

Fulfillment: "One Lord, one faith, one baptism" (Eph. 4:5). "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

Note: One Lord, and one name prophesied; that is just what we find in the New Testament; what now have you to say of our Bible? Is it from God or from men? Heaven awaits your answer.

(10) **Christ Was to Turn Many Away from Iniquity.**

Prophecy: "The law of truth was in His mouth, and iniquity was not found in His lips: he walked with Me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity" (Mal. 2:6).

Fulfillment: "The same day there was added unto them about three thousand souls" (Acts 2:41). "Howbeit many of them who heard the word believed; and the

number of the men was about five thousand" (Acts 4:4). "And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common" (Acts 4:32).

Note: Three thousand—five thousand—a multitude; that is how fast sinners were turned from iniquity; Malachi was not guessing—he was Inspired of God; our Bible is Inspired—it is from God; therefore, Jesus is very Deity, is God's only Begotten Son, is our great Saviour from sin; we should accept Him with the faith and contrition of children.

LESSON NO. 25

(Prophecies by Christ)

(1) Christ Was to Rise on the Third Day.

Prophecy: "From that time forth began Jesus to show unto His disciples, how that He must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day" (Matt. 16:21).

Fulfillment: "He is not here, but is risen: remember how He spoke unto you when he was yet in Galilee, saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again" (Luke 24:6, 7).

Note: Old Testament prophets said He would rise from the dead, but Jesus told just when, the third day.

(2) Christ Was to Be Crucified by Gentiles.

Prophecy: "And shall deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify Him: and the third day He shall rise again" (Matt. 20:19).

Fulfillment: "Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also His coat; now the coat was without seam, woven from the top to the bottom" (Jno. 19:23). "Now when the centurion, and they that were with Him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God" (Matt. 27:54).

Note: The centurion here, a Roman, had charge of the four Roman soldiers that crucified Him; He was cruci-

fied by Gentiles, at the request of the Jews; yes, there were four soldiers" (Jno. 19:23).

(3) **They Were to Let Christ Have the Colt.**

Prophecy: "Go your way into the village over against you: and as soon as ye be entered into it, ye shall find a colt tied, whereon never man sat; loose him, and bring him. And if any man say unto you, Why do ye this? say ye that the Lord hath need of him; and straightway he will send him hither" (Mark 11:2, 3).

Fulfillment: "And certain of them that stood there said unto them, what do ye, loosing the colt? and they said unto them even as Jesus had commanded: and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus" (Mark 11:5-7).

Note: Jesus was prophesied; He also prophesied; He is the very Son of God; He is Deity.

(4) **Christ after His Resurrection Was to Meet the Apostles in Galilee.**

Prophecy: "But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee" (Matt. 26:32).

Fulfillment: "Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw Him, they worshipped Him" (Matt. 28:16, 17).

Note: He told them where He would see them after His resurrection; they saw Him there; what think ye of Christ?

(5) **No Man Was Ever to Eat of the Fig Tree Again.**

Prophecy: "No man eat fruit of thee hereafter forever" (Mark 11:14).

Fulfillment: "And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up by the roots" (Mark 11:20).

Note: Only the Son of God could have killed the tree; no man could have done it; He is the Christ of God.

(6) **Jesus Said One of the Twelve Would Betray Him.**

Prophecy: "It is one of the twelve, that dippeth with Me in the dish" (Mark 14:20).

Fulfillment: "And immediately, while He yet spake, cometh Judas, one of the twelve, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. And he that betrayed Him had given them a token, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is He: take Him, and lead Him away safely. And as soon as He was come, he goeth straightway to Him, and saith, Master, Master; and kissed Him" (Mark 14:43-45).

Note: The betrayal-kiss is one of the worst things on earth; Judas bit the hand that fed him; however, he did one noble deed—he hanged himself; many will not be as good as Judas till they do likewise.

(7) **Some of the Apostles Were to Be Killed.**

Prophecy: "I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they shall slay and persecute" (Luke 11:49).

Fulfillment: "Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hand to vex certain of the church. And he killed James the brother of John with the sword. And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also" (Acts 12:1-3).

Note: Nothing could be more literal; Jesus was a Prophet; He is the Son of God.

(8) **The Holy Spirit Was to Tell the Apostles What to Say.**

Prophecy: "The Holy Spirit shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say" (Luke 12:12).

Fulfillment: "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:4).

Note: They were Spirit-filled, Spirit-led, just as Jesus said; He was not guessing.

(9) **Peter Was to Deny Christ Before the Crucifixion.**

Prophesy: "I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest Me" (Luke 22:34).

Fulfillment: "But he denied before them all" (Matt. 26:70). "Again he denied with an oath" (Matt. 26:72). "Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the Man" (Matt. 26:74).

Note: It came just as Jesus predicted; Peter's three denials make one of the blackest pages in history; are we sure we never deny Him?

(10) **The Holy Spirit Was to Be Given at Jerusalem.**

Prophecy: "Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high" (Luke 24:49).

Fulfillment: "Then returned they unto Jerusalem" (Acts 1:12). "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:4).

Note: Every prophecy we have mentioned of Christ's was literally fulfilled; He was no deceiver; He was the true Prophet That was to come; He is God's Son; He is our Saviour; He is all the word Deity means; we should accept Him with child-like faith.

LESSON NO. 26

(Prophecies concerning mortals)

(1) Eli's Two Sons Were to Be Killed the Same Day.

Prophecy: "And this shall be a sign unto thee, that shall come upon thy two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas; in one day they shall die both of them" (1 Sam. 2:34).

Fulfillment: "And the ark of God was taken; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were slain" (1 Sam. 4:11).

Note: These boys were priests; they corrupted the priesthood; they committed fornication with women visiting the tabernacle (1 Sam. 2:22); they robbed (1 Sam. 2:29); God set things in order; the prophecy came true.

(2) God's Spirit Was to Come upon Saul.

Prophecy: "And the Spirit of the Lord will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man" (1 Sam. 10:6).

Fulfillment: "The Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them" (1 Sam. 10:10).

Note: Samuel was a prophet and his prophecy here came true; the Bible is true.

(3) Saul's Kingdom Not to Continue.

Prophecy: "But now thy kingdom shall not continue" (1 Sam. 13:14).

Fulfillment: "The Lord hath rent the kingdom out of thine hand, and given it to thy neighbor, even to David" (1 Sam. 28:17).

Note: Saul would not obey God; he corrupted the king-

dom; God took it from him; God's leaders should keep a clean house.

(4) **Saul and Some of His Sons Were to Die in Battle.**

Prophecy: "Moreover the Lord will also deliver Israel with thee unto the hand of the Philistines: and to-morrow shall thou and thy sons be with me: the Lord also shall deliver the host of Israel into the hand of the Philistines" (1 Sam. 28:19).

Fulfillment: "And the Philistines followed hard upon Saul and upon his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Melchishua, Saul's sons" (1 Sam. 31:2). "And when his armorbearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise upon his sword, and died with him" (1 Sam. 31:5).

Note: Saul, by the power of the Devil, had a witch to call up dead Samuel to prophesy for him; Samuel told him of his fate and that of his sons; it literally came true; Samuel was a true prophet of God; our Bible is Inspired.

(5) **Not David, but His Son Was to Build God's House, the Temple.**

Prophecy: "And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, that shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build an house for My name, and I will establish his kingdom forever" (2 Sam. 7: 12,13).

Fulfillment: "Thus Solomon finished the house of the Lord, and the king's house" (2 Chron. 7:11).

Note: The prophet Nathan told David He was not to build God's House, that his son was to do that; it came to pass as he said it; we have a great Bible.

(6) **The Sword Was Not to Depart from David's House.**

Prophecy: "Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised Me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife" (2 Sam. 12:10).

Fulfillment: Now Absalom had commanded his servants, saying, Mark ye now when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when I say unto you, Smite Amnon; then kill him, fear not: have not I commanded you? be courageous, and be valiant. And the servants of Absalom did unto Amnon as Absalom had commanded" (2 Sam. 13:28, 29).

Note: Amnon had forcefully committed fornication with his own sister (2 Sam. 13:1-18); he was killed for the crime; it is but one proof that the sword never departed from David's house; his son Absalom was killed (2 Sam. 18: 9-14); truly the sword never departed from David's house; the prophet Nathan made no mistake in his prophecy; the Bible is Inspired.

(7) Josiah Was to Offer Men's Bones upon Jeroboam's Altar, and Destroy It.

Prophecy: "And, behold, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of the Lord unto Bethel: and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense. And he cried against the altar in the word of the Lord, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the Lord; Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah by name; and upon thee shall he offer the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and men's bones shall be burnt upon thee" (1 Kings 13:1-3).

Fulfillment: "Moreover the altar that was at Bethel, and the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who

made Israel to sin, and made both that altar and the high place he broke down, and burned the high place, and stamped it small to powder, and burned the grove. And as Josiah turned himself, he spied the sepulchres that were there in the mount, and sent, and took the bones out of the sepulchres, and burned them upon the altar and polluted it, according to the word of the Lord which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these words" (2 Kings 23: 15, 16).

Note: It was about three hundred and fifty years before the birth of Josiah that the man of God told Jeroboam that he would be born; he was born and named as prophesied; he burned men's bones upon that same altar; he destroyed it just as prophesied; surely the Bible is Inspired.

(8) **Jeroboam's Son Was to Die When His Mother Entered the City.**

Prophecy: "Arise thou therefore, get thee to thine own house: and when thy feet enter into the city, the child shall die" (1 Kings 14:12).

Fulfillment: "And Jeroboam's wife arose, and departed, and came to Tirzah: and when she came to the threshold of the door, the child died" (1 Kings 14:17).

Note: Abijah, son of Jeroboam, fell sick; Jeroboam had his wife to disguise herself and go to the prophet Ahijah at Shiloh and learn whether or not the child would die; the prophet told her when he would die; the child died just as he said; he was a true prophet; the Bible is Inspired.

(9) **House of Jeroboam Was to Be Cut Off.**

Prophecy: "Moreover the Lord shall raise Him up a king over Israel, who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam that day" (1 Kings 14:14).

Fulfillment: "And it came to pass, when he (Baasha) reigned, that he smote all the house of Jeroboam; he left not Jeroboam any that breathed, until he had destroyed him, according unto the saying of the Lord, which He spake by His servant Ahijah the Shilonite" (1 Kings 15:29).

Note: Was this literal as the prophet had said? Is not the Bible from God? What are we going to do with it?

(10) The Ten Tribes of Israel were to Be Destroyed and Scattered.

Prophecy: "For the Lord shall smite Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water, and He shall root up Israel out of this good land, which He gave to their fathers, and shall scatter them beyond the river, because they have made their groves, provoking the Lord to anger. And He shall give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, who did sin, and who made Israel to sin" (1 Kings 14:15, 16).

Fulfillment: "In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria, and placed them in Halah and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes" (2 Kings 17:6). "Therefore the Lord was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of His sight; there was none left but the tribe of Judah only" (2 Kings 17:18).

Note: It was about one hundred and thirty-five years before it took place that the prophet Ahijah said it would take place; Israel, the ten tribes, went into Assyrian bondage about one hundred and thirty years before the kingdom of Judah went into the great Babylonian captivity; the word of God's prophets never failed; the Bible is Inspired.

LESSON NO. 27

(Prophecies concerning mortals)

(1) The House of King Baasha Was to Be Destroyed.

Prophecy: "Behold, I will take away the posterity of Baasha, and the posterity of his house; and I will make thy house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebad" (1 Kings 16:3).

Fulfillment: "And it came to pass, when he began to regin, as soon as he sat on his throne, that he slew all the house of Baasha" (1 Kings 16:11). "Thus did Zimri destroy all the house of Baasha, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake against Baasha by Jehu the prophet" (1 Kings 16:12).

Note: This prophecy came to pass in short order; it came exactly as prophesied; we just have to know that the Bible is Inspired; it is harder now to disbelieve than it is to believe; we cannot keep from believing it.

(2) It Was Not to Rain for Years.

Prophecy: "And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the Lord God of Israel liveth, before Whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to My word" (1 Kings 17:1).

Fulfillment: "Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months" (Jas. 5:17).

Note: That is literal enough; God spoke to wicked Israel through the prophet; His word did not fail.

(3) **Rain Was Prophesied.**

Prophecy: "And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain" (1 Kings 18:41).

Fulfillment: "And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain" (1 Kings 18:45). "And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit" (Jas. 5:18).

Note: It does not pay to disbelieve God's prophets; His word has never failed; the Bible is from above.

(4) **Ahab Was to Overcome the Syrians.**

Prophecy: "And, behold, there came a prophet unto Ahab king of Israel, saying, Thus saith the Lord, Hast thou seen all this great multitude? behold, I will deliver it into thine hand this day; and thou shalt know that I am the Lord" (1 Kings 20:13).

Fulfillment: "And the king of Israel went out, and smote the horses and chariots, and slew the Syrians with a great slaughter" (1 Kings 20:21).

Note: Ahab was wicked; God made known this blessing to him to convince him that it is best to serve the true God; the lesson did not last long.

(5) **The Syrians Were to War with Ahab Again at the Return of the Year.**

Prophecy: "And the prophecy came to the king of Israel, and said unto him, Go, strengthen thyself, and mark, and see what thou doest: for at the return of the year the king of Syria will come up against thee" (1 Kings 20:22).

Fulfillment: "And it came to pass at the return of the

year, that Benhadad numbered the Syrians, and went up to Aphek, to fight against Israel" (1 Kings 20:26).

Note: Twice the prophecy had come true; it seems that Ahab ever would have obeyed the true God; we have greater evidence now; we do very little better than did Ahab.

(6) **Ahab Was to Be Killed.**

Prophecy: "Thus saith the Lord, Because thou hast let go out of thy hand a man whom I appointed to utter destruction, therefore thy life shall go for his life, and thy people for his people" (1 Kings 20:42). "In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine" (1 Kings 21:19).

Fulfillment: "And a certain man drew a bow at a venture, and smote the king of Israel between the joints of the harness" (1 Kings 22:34). "And one washed the chariot in the pool of Samaria; and the dogs licked up his blood; and they washed his armor; according to the word of the Lord which He spake" (1 Kings 22:38).

Note: God's word never failed; His prophet did not lie; we should believe the Bible; it is Inspired.

(7) **Ahab's House Was to Be Destroyed.**

Prophecy: "And I will make thine (Ahab's) house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the provocation wherewith thou hast provoked Me to anger, and made Israel to sin" (1 Kings 21:22).

Fulfillment: "So Jehu slew all that remained of the house of Ahab in Jezreel, and all his great men, and his kinfolks, and his priests, until he left him none remaining" (2 Kings 10:11).

Note: He went as other sinners go; his life had a bad ending.

(8) Dogs Were to Eat Jezebel by the Wall of Jezreel.

Prophecy: "And of Jerebel also spake the Lord, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel" (1 Kings 21:23).

Fulfillment: "And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at a window. And as Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, Had Zimri peace, who slew his master? And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, Who is on my side? who? And there looked out to him two or three eunuchs. And he said, Throw her down. So they threw her down: and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he trode her under foot. And when he was come in he did eat and drink and said, Go, see now this cursed woman, and bury her: for she is a king's daughter, and they went to bury her but they found no more of her than the skull, and the foot, and the palms of her hands. Wherefore they came again, and told him. And he said, This is the word of the Lord, which He spake by His servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, In the portion of Jezreel shall dogs eat the flesh of Jezebel. And the carcass of Jezebel shall be as dung upon the face of the field in the portion of Jezreel; so that they shall not say, This is Jezebel" (2 Kings 9:30-37).

Note: A more wicked woman than Jezebel never lived; she tried to kill all of God's prophets; she painted her face and "primped" her hair in an effort to allure Jehu; it will be a great day when modern girls quit emu-

lating wicked Jezebel by painting their faces; she died where Elijah the prophet said she would; she was eaten by dogs as he said. Is the Bible Inspired? What shall we do with the Bible?

(9) **King Ahaziah Was to Die.**

Prophecy: "And he said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Forasmuch as thou hast sent messengers to inquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron, is it not because there is no God in Israel to inquire of His word? therefore thou shalt not come down off that bed on which thou are gone up, but shall surely die" (2 Kings 1:16).

Fulfillment: "So he died according to the word of the Lord which Elijah had spoken" (2 Kings 1:17).

Note: This sick man worshipped idols—not the true God; he received no help from God in his sickness; he died as Elijah said he would; God's word is unfailing.

(10) **Abundance of Water Prophesied.**

Prophecy: "For thus saith the Lord, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your beasts" (2 Kings 3:17).

Fulfillment: "And they rose up early in the morning, and the sun shone upon the water" (2 Kings 3:22).

Note: It was the prophet Elisha that prophesied this water; it came as he said; surely all of us will believe the Bible now; we show by our lives how much we believe it.

LESSON NO. 28

(Prophecies concerning mortals)

(1) Leprosy Was to Be Cured.

Prophecy: "And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean" (2 Kings 5:10).

Fulfillment: "Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean" (2 Kings 5:14).

Note: There is no faking with leprosy; counterfeit healers never attempt to cure it; this is God's power that healed the leprosy; the prophecy came true; we believe the Bible.

(2) Plenty of Food Prophesied.

Prophecy: "Then Elisha said, Hear ye the word of the Lord; Thus saith the Lord, To-morrow about this time shall a measure of fine flour be sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria" (2 Kings 7:1).

Fulfillment: "And the people went out, and spoiled the tents of the Syrians. So a measure of fine flour was sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of the Lord" (2 Kings 7:16).

Note: There was a famine in Samaria—no hope for food; they were embittered against Elisha for prophesying plenty of bread for the next day; but his prophecy came true; we just have to believe the Bible; it is from God.

(3) **Joash Was to Smite the Syrians Three Times.**

Prophecy: "And the man of God was wroth with him, and said, Thou shouldest have smitten five or six times; then hadest thou smitten Syria till thou hadst consumed it: whereas now thou shalt smite Syria but thrice" (2 Kings 13:19).

Fulfillment: "And Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz took again out of the hand of Benhadad the son of Hazael the cities, which he had taken out of the hand of Jehoahaz his father by war. Three times did Joash beat him, and recovered the cities of Israel" (2 Kings 13:25).

Note: The prophet Elisha was in his death-sickness; he wanted Joash to beat on the ground the number of times he wanted to overcome the Syrians; he hit on the ground but three times; he should have hit more times; the prophecy came true.

(4) **The Assyrian Army Was to Fail.**

Prophecy: "Therefore thus saith the Lord concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city (Jerusalem), nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor cast a bank against it. By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the Lord. For I will defend this city, to save it, for Mine own sake, and for My servant David's sake" (2 Kings 19:32-34).

Fulfillment: "And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the Lord went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses. So Sennacherib king of Assyria

departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh" (2 Kings 19:35, 36).

Note: The Assyrians had made great boasts for their gods, and against the true God; they boasted to their own undoing; we better accept and strictly obey the true God; His word never fails.

(5) The Kingdom of Judah Was to Go into Babylonian Captivity.

Prophecy: "And Isaiah said unto Hezekiah, Hear the word of the Lord. Behold, the days come, that all that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store unto this day, shall be carried into Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the Lord" (2 Kings 20:16, 17).

Fulfillment: "And he carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon, and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his officers, and the mighty of the land, those carried he into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon" (2 Kings 24: 15). "And the king of Babylon smote them, and slew them at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was carried away out of their land" (2 Kings 25:21).

Note: They had been in many other captivities—short ones—but from them they did not learn the needed lesson; this one was to be severe; it came as Isaiah said.

(6) The Sacred Vessels of the Temple Were to Be Carried to Babylon.

Prophecy: "Yea, thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning the vessels that remain in the house of the Lord, and in the house of the king of Judah and of Jerusalem; They shall be carried to Babylon, and there shall they be until the day that I visit them, saith the Lord" (Jer. 27:21, 22).

Fulfillment: "And the pots, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass wherewith they ministered, took they away. And the firepans, and the bowls, and such things as were of gold, in gold, and of silver, in silver, the captain of the guard took away" (2 Kings 25:14, 15).

Note: This was prophesied just a few years before it came to pass; but, it came to pass; the Bible is true.

(7) **Judah Was to Serve the Babylonians Seventy Years.**

Prophecy: "And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years" (Jer. 25:11).

Fulfillment: "And them that had escaped from the sword carried he away to Babylon; where they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia: to fulfill the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her Sabbaths: for as long as she lay desolate she kept Sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years" (2 Chron. 36:20, 21). "Then the angel of the Lord answered and said, O Lord of hosts, how long wilt Thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which Thou hast had indignation these threescore and ten years" (Zech. 1:12). "Speak unto all the people of the land, and to the priests, saying, When ye fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh month, even those seventy years, did ye at all fast unto Me, even to Me" (Zech. 7:5)?

Note: Yes, the prophet said Judah would be in Babylonian bondage seventy years; they were there exactly that long; what have you to say of the Bible and its Author, God?

(8) **A Remnant of Judah Left by the Babylonians Were to Go into Egypt.**

Prophecy: "The burden of the beasts of the south: into the land of trouble and anguish, from whence come the young and old lion, the viper and the fiery flying serpent, they will carry their riches upon the shoulders of young asses, and their treasures upon the bunches of camels, to a people that shall not profit them. For the Egyptians shall help them in vain, and to no purpose" (Isa. 30:6, 7).

Fulfillment: And all the people, both small and great, and the captains of the armies, arose, and came to Egypt; for they were afraid of the Chaldees" (2 Kings 25:26).

Note: The Babylonians, or Chaldees, had carried away into Babylon all the best people of the land; they set a governor over the few that were left in the land of Judah (2 Kings 25:22); they soon killed Gedaliah their ruler, and went into Egypt (2 Kings 25:22-26); prophecy from God never fails to come true.

(9) **The Jews Were to Return to Their Homeland after Seventy Years.**

Prophecy: "For thus saith the Lord, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform My good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place" (Jer. 29:10). "For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land" (Eze. 36:24).

Fulfillment: "Now these are the children of the province that went up out of the captivity, of those who had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away unto Babylon, and came again

into Jerusalem and Judah, every one unto his city" (Ezra 2:1).

Note: This was the first movement of the Jews from Babylon back to Canaan; there were other movements from time to time; all of Ezra and Nehemiah should be read in this connection.

(10) **Jerusalem Was to Be Burned after the Jews Were Carried to Babylon.**

Prophecy: "For I have set My face against this city for evil, and not for good, saith the Lord: it shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire" (Jer. 21:10).

Fulfillment: "And he burnt the house of the Lord, and the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem, and every great man's house burnt he with fire (2 Kings 25:9).

Note: This is literal enough; it was to be burnt with fire; it was; God's word never fails; the Bible is truly from God.

LESSON NO. 29

(Prophecies concerning mortals)

(1) Cyrus Was to Free Captive Israel from Babylonian Bondage.

Prophecy: "That saith of Cyrus, He is My Shepherd, and shall perform all My pleasure" (Isa. 44:28). "I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways: he shall build My city, and he shall let go My captives, not for price nor reward, saith the Lord of hosts" (Isa. 45:13).

Fulfillment: "Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The Lord God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and He hath charged me to build Him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who is there among you of all His people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of the Lord God of Israel (He is the God), which is in Jerusalem" (Ezra 1:2, 3).

Note: Cyrus was named by the Lord one hundred and fifty years before he was born (Isa. 45:1-3); God said through the prophet Isaiah that Cyrus would free captive Israel; he did, and did it at the exact time they were to be free—after seventy years of captivity; who can disbelieve the Bible?

(2) Cyrus Was to See That Jerusalem Was Rebuilt.

Prophecy: "That saith of Cyrus, He is My shepherd, and shall perform all My pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid" (Isa. 44:28).

Fulfillment: "Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The Lord God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and He hath charged me to build Him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who is there among you of all His people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of the Lord God of Israel (He is the God), which is in Jerusalem. And whosoever remaineth in any place where he sojourneth, let the men of his place help him with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, beside the freewill offering for the house of God that is in Jerusalem" (Ezra 1:2-4).

Note: It is wonderful how these prophecies were fulfilled to the very letter; God's Book takes care of itself; all we need is to know it.

(3) **The Sacred Temple Vessels Were to Be Brought Back from Babylon.**

Prophecy: "Yea, thus saith the Lord God of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning the vessels that remain in the house of the Lord, and in the house of the king of Judah and of Jerusalem; They shall be carried to Babylon, and there shall they be until the day that I visit them, saith the Lord; then will I bring them up, and restore them to this place" (Jer. 27:21, 22).

Fulfillment: "All the vessels of gold and of silver were five thousand and four hundred. All these did Sheshbazzar bring up with them of the captivity that were brought up from Babylon to Jerusalem" (Ezra 1:11).

Note: It is truly marvelous how that every prophecy was fulfilled to the very letter; God is the Author of the Bible; we do believe every word of the Book.

(4) Babylon Was to Be Destroyed.

Prophecy: "And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the Lord, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolation" (Jer. 25:12).

Fulfillment: "This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it" (Dan. 5:26).

Note: Every student of History knows that after the seventy years of Jewish captivity in Babylon that kingdom was taken by the Medes and Persians; the city of Babylon was destroyed; God said it will never be rebuilt (Isa. 13: 1-22); it never has been; God's word is unfailing.

(5) It Was Prophesied That the Just Shall Live by Faith.

Prophecy: "The just shall live by faith" (Hab. 2:4).

Fulfillment: "For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith" (Rom. 1:17).

Note: The whole Christian system is based upon faith; anything without faith is sin (Rom. 14:23); faith is made perfect by works (Jas. 2:22); the Prophet was not mistaken when he told of this great faith system; the Bible never fails us.

(Prophecies being fulfilled)

(1) Killing the Old and New Testaments—the Bible.

Prophecy: "And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the Bottomless Pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome

them, and kill them. And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great City, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and a half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two Prophets tormented them that dwell on the earth" (Rev. 11:7-10).

Fulfillment: We are unable to give Bible proofs for prophecies being fulfilled before our eyes—we need no such proof. We wish to list the different things said of these Old and New Testaments, as follows:

(a) They are called "Two Witnesses" (Rev. 11:3).

(b) They are called "Two Olive Trees" (Rev. 11:4).

(c) They are called "Two Candlesticks" (Rev. 11:4).

(d) They are called "Two Prophets" (Rev. 11:10).

(e) The Beast from the bottomless pit wars against them (Rev. 11:7).

(f) This Beast will finally kill Them (Rev. 11:7).

(g) They are to be dead three and a half days—that many years (Rev. 11:9-11; Num. 14:34; Eze. 4:5, 6).

(h) There is to be great joy over their death (Rev. 11:10).

(i) Many presents will be given because of their death (Rev. 11:10).

(j) They will live again (Rev. 11:11).

(k) The Church-heaven will call them back (Rev. 11:12).

There is an organized effort going on now to kill the Bible by destroying faith in it; that is the part of the

prophecy being fulfilled at this time; finally they will succeed; after three and a half years dead, the Bible will come back into its own, and be more powerful than ever; they are opposing the Bible because it torments sinners; any real student can see the efforts made in various schools to kill the Bible; a prophetic day represents one year (Eze. 4:5, 6).

(2) **War in the Church-Heaven.**

Prophecy: "And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the Dragon; and the Dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was there place found any more in heaven. And the great Dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and His angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death" (Rev. 12:7-11).

Fulfillment: This also is being fulfilled right before our eyes. We will number in the following the various things connected with this war in the Church-heaven:

(a) This war takes place between the bad and the good (Rev. 12:7).

(b) The wicked fail finally (Rev. 12:8)

(c) The Dragon has become an "old" serpent since he appeared in Eden, showing it is a long time after that (Rev. 12:9).

(d) This Dragon had deceived the whole world before this war was begun, and before it was over (Rev. 12:9).

(e) The Dragon and his followers are cast out "into the earth"— not "down to the earth"— showing the casting out takes place on this earth (Rev. 12:9).

(f) Salvation takes place in this heaven after getting the Devil out—they do not need salvation in that heaven up yonder (Rev. 12:10).

(g) The Dragon warred by "accusing the brethren", showing it takes place where there is a "brotherhood", showing it is on this earth (Rev. 12:10).

(h) They overcome the Dragon in this war by the "blood of the Lamb", and they do not have blood in that kingdom up yonder (1 Cor.15:50), showing it is down here the war is fought (Rev. 12:11).

(i) The second way the Dragon is overcome in this war is by the "word of their testimony", by preaching the word, the gospel, showing again that it takes places down here (Rev. 12:11).

(j) The third way they overcome the Dragon in this war is "they loved not their lives unto the death"—by dying for Christ and for the Bible, showing it takes place in this world, as they have no graveyards in that kingdom up yonder—sin did not originate in that heaven up there (Rev. 12:11).

In Rev. 11:15 we find that the heaven mentioned in the Book of Revelation is down where the earth is—"the kingdoms of THIS (not YONDER) world are become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ". Again, in Rev. 19:11-21 we learn that the war in heaven is carried on with the wicked kings of this earth and with their armies, showing again that the war in this heaven takes place on

this earth. There are nine different heavens described in the Bible, and this one in the Book of Revelation is the Church. Therefore, the war of right against wrong continues in the Church-heaven now. Satan will be cast out of the Church-heaven.

(3) **Satan Trying to Devour Christ When He Is Brought Forth by the Church.**

Prophecy: "And She (the Church-Woman clothed with the sun) being with Child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. And there appeared another wonder in heaven (the Church); and behold a great red Dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven (members of the Church), and didst cast them to the earth (made them quit the Church): and the Dragon stood before the Woman (the Church-woman) which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her Child (Christ) as soon as He was born. And She brought forth a Man Child, Who was to rule all nations with a rod of Iron (the Bible): and Her Child was caught up unto God, and to His throne" (Rev. 12:2-5).

Fulfillment: This is being fulfilled before our eyes; it has been going on ever since the Church was established; it will go on till the Devil is finally put down by Christ (Rom. 16:20); Christ is represented in the Bible as having at least four different births, as follows:

(a) He was born of the "Womb of the morning"—the morning's being His mystical mother — such a birth's representing the approach of a new day for humanity under Christ (Psa. 110:1-4).

(b) He was born of Mary—His physical mother (Matt. 1:18-25).

(c) He was born of the grave—"The Firstborn from the dead"—the grave was His mother (Col. 1:18).

(d) He is born of the Church—the Church is His Spiritual mother—She brings Him forth in the gospel preached in new communities where He was never heard of before—everywhere the gospel is preached and Christ is accepted, He is "brought forth"—born—as the Son of God (Rev. 12:2-5). This is going on now everywhere the Church is evangelizing, but Satan stands there ready to devour the Christ in every place He is brought forth—born (Rev. 12: 4; Matt. 13:18-22).

(4) **Wireless Messages Prophesied.**

Prophecy: "Curse not the king, no not in thy thought; and curse not the rich in thy bedchamber: for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter" (Ecle. 10:20).

Fulfillment: "A bird of the air shall carry the voice" was never spoken of any physical bird—such cannot carry the human "voice" — it is being done over the radio. Again: "That which hath wings shall tell the matter" was not spoken of a physical bird, as it cannot tell what man says—it is being done by the radio—the real "bird of the air."

(5) **The Automobile Prophesied.**

Prophecy: "The shield of his mighty men is made red, the valiant men are in scarlet: the chariots shall be with flaming torches in the day of his preparation, and the fir trees shall be terribly shaken. The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall justle one against another in the broad ways: they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings" (Nahum 2:3, 4).

Fulfillment: Note the following:

(a) Broad ways were to be built for these chariots, automobiles—they are (Nahum 2:4).

(b) They were to rage in the streets—they do (Nahum 2:4).

(c) They were to have flaming torches—head lights—they do (Nahum 2:3).

(d) They were to mark a day of God's "preparation"—for war—they do (Nahum 2:3).

(e) They were to justle against each other in the "broad ways"—they do (Nahum 2:4).

(f) They were to seem like "torches" when seen coming—they literally do at night now (Nahum 2:4).

(g) They were to run like lightning—they do—some over two hundred miles per hour — will yet run faster (Nahum 2:4).

All seven of the things told by Nahum about the "chariots" here we literally have in the automobile. Who can deny Nahum's being Inspired of God? He told hundreds of years ago the very thing that was invented in our day, nothing ever like it before—the Bible most surely is Inspired.

LESSON NO. 30

(Prophecies being fulfilled)

THE FLYING MACHINE

(1) A People as Swift as the Eagle Prophesied.

Prophecy: "The Lord shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flieth" (Deut. 28:49).

Fulfillment: Not till recent years were people able to make the speed of an eagle, but literally they do now. This prophcey was made at least thirty-four hundred years ago. Was Moses guessing? Was he Inspired? Is the Bible Inspired?

(2) It Was Prophesied That Men Would Fly Over Our Heads.

Prophecy: "Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads" (Psa. 66:12).

Fulfillment: Literally men are riding over our heads just as David prophesied; the Bible is Inspired; we do believe it.

(3) It Was Prophesied That as Birds Flying God Would Defend Jerusalem.

Prophecy: "As birds flying, so will the Lord of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also He will deliver it; and passing over He will preserve it" (Isa. 31:5).

Fulfillment: In the World-War Jerusalem was taken by a flying squadron, and not a gun was fired, not a life was lost, and Jerusalem was preserved, no havoc made, just as the prophet Isaiah predicted. Who can deny his

being Inspired? He was that same prophet that told of the miraculous birth of Jesus Christ; we do believe the Bible.

(4) **It Was Prophesied That Men Would Fly as Clouds and as Birds.**

Prophecy: "Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows" (Isa. 60:8)?

Fulfillment: Men are now flying as clouds, even above the clouds, and as the doves; Isaiah was Inspired of God when he wrote this prophecy; he was Inspired also when He wrote of Jesus and His Church.

(5) **It Was Prophesied That Men Would Make Better Speed than Do the Eagles.**

Prophecy: "Behold, he shall come up as clouds, and his chariots shall be as a whirlwind: his horses are swifter than eagles" (Jer. 4:13).

Fulfillment: No eagle can make the speed that men make now with their flying horses; Jeremiah's prophecy has literally been fulfilled before our own eyes; then we should believe all he wrote; the Bible is Inspired.

(6) **It Was Prophesied That Man Would Fly, and Spread His Wings Over Moab.**

Prophecy: "For thus saith the Lord; Behold, he shall fly as an eagle, and shall spread his wings over Moab" (Jer. 48:40).

Fulfillment: Before our eyes we have men flying; they spread their wings anywhere they please; Jeremiah was Inspired; the Bible is true.

(7) **It Was Prophesied That Man Would Fly, and Spread His Wings Over Bozrah.**

Prophecy: "Behold, he shall come up and fly as the eagle, and spread his wings over Bozrah" (Jer. 49:22).

Fulfillment: Man flies as the eagle; he spreads his wings; Jeremiah was Inspired; so is the Bible.

(8) **It Was Prophesied That One Would Come Against the Wicked as an Eagle.**

Prophecy: "He shall come as an eagle against the house of the Lord, because they have transgressed My covenant, and trespassed against My law" (Hosea 8:1).

Fulfillment: Such speed is made against the wicked in our own day; it took place in the late war; so will it continue; the Bible is from God.

(9) **It Was Prophesied that Horsemen Would Fly as the Eagle.**

Prophecy: "Their horsemen shall spread themselves, and their horsemen shall come from far; they shall fly as the eagle that hasteth to eat" (Hab. 1:8).

Fulfillment: Men are using flying horses, and they make the speed of hungry eagles hastening to eat; the prophet was not guessing; every word of the Bible is true.

(10) **Flying Horses Prophesied.**

Prophecy: "And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men who have not the seal of God in their foreheads. And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when

he striketh a man. And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them. And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men. And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions. And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle. And they had tails like unto scorpions; and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months. And they had a king over them, who is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon. And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths. For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt" (Rev. 9:3-11, 16-19).

Fulfillment: This is all literally fulfilled in our flying machines. In the following we outline a growing description of these locusts:

(a) They came out of smoke—blackness (Rev. 9:3).

(b) They had scorpion-power (Rev. 9:3).

(c) At first—at a great distance from John — they looked like locusts (Rev. 9:3).

(d) They were not to hurt grass and trees (Rev. 9:4).

(e) They were to hurt those without God's seal (Rev. 9:4).

(f) At first they were not to kill, but only torment men five months—prophetic months—150 days—that many years (Rev. 9:5; Num. 14:34; Eze. 4:5, 6).

(g) They were to cause men to wish to die (Rev. 9:6).

(h) When the locusts got closer to John they looked like war-horses, battle-horses (Rev. 9:7).

(i) They appeared to have gold crowns upon their heads —later we shall see it was fire from their mouths (Rev. 9:7).

(j) They appeared to have human faces—men were driving them, we shall later see (Rev. 9:7).

(k) They appeared to have feminine hair—it was fire streaming, we shall learn later (Rev. 9:8).

(l) They appeared to have the teeth of lions—later we shall see they were streams of fire from their mouths (Rev. 9:8).

(m) They had breastplates of iron protecting them from guns (Rev. 9:9).

(n) They had wings—were **flying horses**—were **flying machines,** as they got close to John—they were flying into battle (Rev. 9:9).

(o) They had long tails like scorpions—just as flying machines are made to-day—big horse-like bodies, and long tails—and stings in their tails—fire, later we shall see (Rev. 9:10).

(p) They had the Devil as king over them, using them for war purposes (Rev. 9:9-11).

(q) There were to be in all two hundred million of these **flying horses, flying machines** (Rev. 9:16).

(r) They had lion-like heads, and fire issued out of their mouths—liquid fire is being discharged from the mouths of flying machines now for war purposes (Rev. 9:17).

(s) Fire issued out of both their mouths and tails, there being heads on their tails—one year ago our Government completed the first flying machine that discharges liquid fire from both ends for war purposes (Rev. 9:18, 19).

CONCLUSION

In this book we have studied two hundred and forty prophecies concerning Christ Himself, and proved by the New Testament were literally fulfilled. Next we studied ten prophecies by Christ Himself, and proved by the New Testament that they were fulfilled right to the letter, showing that He was a Prophet, a true One. Next we studied thirty-five prophecies concerning mortals, human beings, and we proved by the Bible that they were also fulfilled, making a grand total of two hundred and eighty-five prophecies that we proved by the Bible have been fulfilled exactly as predicted by the prophets. Last of all, we studied fifteen prophecies that are being fulfilled before our eyes, and the oldest of these was given about thirty-four hundred years ago, and the latest one is nearly nineteen hundred years old.

All of the prophets that prophesied the automobile, the wireless, and the flying machines foretold the coming of Christ, His wonderful life, the rise of His Church-kingdom, Its success in the world, and there is nothing left for us to do, but to believe all they said. Therefore, we accept the Bible from Genesis to Revelation as the Inspired word of God, and commend it to the whole wide world as a safe Guide into eternal life. The following are but a few of the things one has to believe to disbelieve the Bible:

(a) That Mr. NOTHING made all inanimate matter—earth, moon, sun, stars.

(b) That Mr. NOTHING has sense and power enough to direct and control the billions of planetoids, satellites, suns, and stars.

(c) That Mr. NOTHING had sense enough to compound minerals, putting in a certain, well counted number of each element, never missing the count, and from whose system man learned to compound.

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(e) That Mr. NOTHING made all animal life, mentality, and set bounds around, and walls between the species so that it is impossible to cross the entirely different species.

(f) That Mr. NOTHING gave to man the same common end that he gave to the OX.

(g) That there is no God, no Christ, no Holy Spirit, no Inspired Bible, regardless of its containing multiplied hundreds of fulfilled prophecies.

We wonder if it ever occurred to our readers that it takes infinitely more to disbelieve the Bible than it does to believe it. It is a billion times harder to believe that NOTHING did the first six things numbered in the foregoing, than to believe that an all-wise, all-powerful, all-knowing God did them. Some believe that Mr. NOTHING made them—not so hard to believe when they make nothing of themselves through disbelief in God(!)—but we prefer believing in GOD, that He made all things, that by Him all things consist, that "of Him, and through Him, and to Him are all things" (Rom. 11:36). We happily accept the whole Bible with the faith of a child. What will you do about it? Heaven is waiting for your answer.

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